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COAL MINES BILL DEBATE.

LIBERAL ULTIMATUM TO GOVERNMENT.

MR. GRAHAM EXPECTED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS.

CRITICAL DISCUSSION.

London, Dec. 17.
The critical debate on the Coal Mines Bill, which embodies the Government's proposals for the re-organisation of the coal industry, was initiated in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. William Graham, the President of the Board of Trade, who moved the second reading of the Bill.

No definite indication of the trend of the debate was given, but Parliamentary circles appear convinced that the Liberals are not likely to co-operate in the defeat of the Government.

Mr. Graham was received with loud applause from the Labour Benches when he rose to move the second reading. He said he was satisfied from his recent contact with many of the highest experts in the coal industry that there was some kind of order, instead of chaos, in this country would win its way back in the European markets, not perhaps to the extent it enjoyed in pre-war times, but to some extent.

Marketing Plans.

The Bill provided for the setting up of a series of district schemes and the establishment of a national scheme of marketing for the purpose of co-ordinating the district schemes.

This national scheme was representative of the owners in all coal areas in Great Britain. It was the duty of this national body to arrive at what, in their view, was the aggregate British demand for coal, or the amount of coal over a reasonable period which, in their judgment, could be sold at a remunerative level and then they would make an allocation to the different districts of the country in the terms of what those districts had been doing.

The Levy.

Part of the criticism of the Bill had been directed to the levy which the Bill provided could be imposed by the Central Body upon the District Boards for the purpose of facilitating the sale of coal for export.

The object was to enable the coal industry in Great Britain to compete at the world price, which, for this purpose, was the European price.

It was not proposed to subsidise coal in the ordinary sense.

Goodwill Necessary.

With regard to the reduction of the miners' hours from eight to seven and a half, he said that with goodwill this could be met without a reduction of wages.

The Government spokesman performed the prodigious feat of speaking for two hours without a note, after which Sir Herbert Samuel, who was the chairman of the Government Enquiry into the coal industry some three or four years ago, voiced Liberal sentiments.

Liberal "Ultimatum."

In tones suggesting an ultimatum, Sir Herbert asked the Government a series of questions regarding the coal Mines Bill which he declared would tax the British consumer in order to benefit the foreigner.

He intimated that the way in which the Liberals would vote on Thursday, when the debate is to end, will depend upon the Government's answers.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister (Con.) moved the rejection of the Bill.

Reuter's Lobby Correspondent is of the opinion that the Government will make certain concessions to the Liberal point of view.

Government Concessions?

It is, indeed, predicted that the debate will not end disastrously for the Government in view of the reluctance of the Opposition to provoke a clash at present.

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LINER AT MERCY OF ATLANTIC.

VESSEL SAVED BY SUPERB SEAMANSHIP.

REMARKABLE STORY.

London, Dec. 17.
One of the most remarkable stories of peril on the sea, and rescue from almost certain death, was related at Falmouth to-day on the arrival, in tow, of a badly-battered liner, the "Jamaica Settler."

The vessel was severely damaged in a week's buffeting as she lay helpless in the middle of the Atlantic, and her safe arrival in port constitutes a remarkable feat.

The "Jamaica Settler" left London for Jamaica on the 19th November last. When a thousand miles out, she ran into a terrific hurricane, which raged for hours, and during which her rudder was damaged.

For a week, the vessel rolled helplessly about the middle of the ocean, but somehow or other, her captain managed to keep her head to the wind, saving his ship until a Dutch tug, which picked up her S.O.S. in Newfoundland arrived.

Even this did not end the vessel's troubles. It took hours to get a rope aboard in the rough seas. Two hawsers snapped, and finally the tug was driven off by the gale.

She returned ultimately, accompanied by two more tugs. Together, they managed to bring the liner to Falmouth, where the passengers presented the captain with an address of gratitude at his superb seamanship.—Reuter.

MAN RUNS AMOK ON SHIP.

JUMPS OVERBOARD WHILST IN A FIT.

BODY RECOVERED.

The S.S. San Nam Hoi, on her last trip to Kowloon on Monday, had only been under way for a short time when the cry of "Man Overboard" was raised, at about 7.30 p.m., just as the steamer was approaching Capatun Pass.

Capt. Benstead, the skipper, immediately ordered the vessel to turn round and eventually succeeded in recovering the man, who had an arm round a lifebuoy, but, on examination, the man was found to be already dead.

Enquiries subsequently made showed that the man jumped over the side of the ship just after he had had a fit. Only a few minutes before, he ran amok with a knife, which was taken away from him before he could do any harm. Whilst those on the ship were looking for his nephew and daughter-in-law, who took passage with him, he jumped overboard. A cargo-coolie immediately threw a lifebuoy out to him and the cry was then raised.

After the San Nam Hoi had been cruising for some time around the spot where he jumped overboard, he was sighted with one hand on the lifebuoy. A boat was lowered to pick him up, but life was found to be extinct when artificial respiration was tried.

The man's nephew told Capt. Benstead that the deceased had been out of work in Shanghai for a long time and was subject to fits.

FRESH SENSATION IN JAPAN.

NOTED GENERAL CHARGED WITH CORRUPTION.

Tokyo, Dec. 18.
General Hanzo Yamashita has been indicted on a charge of corruption during his term of office as Governor-General of Korea.—Reuter.

TWO BULGARIAN MINISTERS.

ON A VISIT TO LONDON.

London, Dec. 17.
The Bulgarian Foreign Minister and the Bulgarian Finance Minister arrived in London this evening. They were met by a representative of the Foreign Secretary.—British Wireless.

BRITISH FLIGHT TO CAPE TOWN.

ATTACK ON NON-STOP RECORD.

AIRMEN ARMED WITH GUNS AND SCIMITARS.

IN WIRELESS TOUCH.

London, Dec. 17.
Two Royal Air Force officers, Squadron-Leader Jones Williams and Flight-Lieutenant Jenkins, started from Cranwell Aerodrome in Lincolnshire at 8 o'clock this morning, in a large Fairey-Napier monoplane, in an attempt to fly non-stop to South Africa, a distance of 6,000 miles, and thus establish a new world long-distance record.

The present record is held by the Frenchman, Captain Costes, with 4,912 miles.

Jones Williams and Jenkins made an attack on the long-distance record last April. They started from Cranwell in the same monoplane as they are now flying, but after covering 4,130 miles they were forced down by petrol shortage at Karachi, India.

The weather conditions over the large part of the route on this occasion are reported to be favourable, and the airmen expect, if all goes well, to arrive at Capetown on Thursday afternoon, after a flight of about 55 hours.

Off Sardinia.

The machine was reported 50 miles off the north-west coast of Sardinia at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The route after leaving Sardinia, will be by way of Tunisia, Ghat in the French Sahara, Duala in Cameroon, Benjuella in Portuguese West Africa, and Walfish Bay in South West Africa.

The course selected enables the pilots to avoid mountainous country particularly in the earlier stages.

In order to beat the existing record, it is necessary, under international regulations, to fly at least 100 kilometres or 62½ miles more than the French figure, so that the British pilots must fly a minimum of 4,975 miles measured on the great circle course to secure the record for Britain.

Wireless Equipment.

This means they must reach a point in South West Africa about 20 miles south of the Cunene River and about halfway between Benjuella and Walfish Bay.

The aircraft is fitted for this flight with a short wave wireless transmitting set and will transmit routine reports giving its position every four hours—at 8 o'clock, 12 o'clock and so forth.

It will transmit on 33.71 metres. It is not equipped to receive messages during the flight. Private wireless stations are, therefore, asked to refrain from transmitting on this wave-length as they are liable to cause jamming and may thus prevent the reception of an urgent message. There is always the possibility of a forced landing.

Airmen's Arms.

To meet such an emergency, the airmen are equipped with sporting guns and ammunition.

They have also with them curious scimitar-shaped knives, by means of which they will be able to cut their way through jungle, if necessary.—British Wireless.

Another Record For Costes.

Marseilles, Dec. 17.
After a non-stop flight of fifty hours, Costes and Lieut. Codos broke the world record of 4,800 miles, established by the Italian, Ferrarin Del Prete, for distance, in a closed circuit.

Later.

Costes and Codos flew in a closed circuit between Narbonne and Avignon. They landed at Istres Aerodrome having covered 5,000 miles in 54 hours 40 minutes.

There was still much petrol in the tanks despite the fact that a violent mistral storm was raging during the latter part of the flight.

France now holds two world's major air records, both standing to the credit of Costes.—Reuter.

SEVERE QUAKE IN NORTH.

CENTRE BELIEVED TO BE ALEUTIAN IS.

THREE HOUR TREMORS.

Padua, Dec. 17.
Violent earthquake shocks occurring about 5,500 miles away, lasting for three hours were registered on the seismographs at Padua University to-day.

A severe earthquake, apparently centred in the Aleutian Islands, off Alaska, where the volcanoes have recently been active, have been recorded on seismographs all over the United States.

The shocks were of three hours' duration. They began at 03.07 Pacific Time. The shock was so severe that the needle of the seismograph at Washington University was put out of action.

AMERICAN COAL-MINE DISASTER.

Sixty-Two Miners Killed in Explosion.

ONLY TWO ESCAPE.

New York, Dec. 17.
A message from McAlester (Oklahoma) states that 62 miners were killed as the result of an explosion in a coal mine at North McAlester.

Only two of those at work in the mine were found alive.—Reuter's American Service.

for ten minutes. Similar shocks were recorded all over Canada.—Reuter's American Service.

Another Shock.

Johannesburg, Dec. 17.
A heavy fall of rock at Village Deep mine followed a severe earthquake to-day. Three natives were killed and twenty-one injured. One European was injured.—Reuter.

NORTH MANCHURIA MYSTERY.

CONSULS UNABLE TO GET THROUGH.

Tokyo, Dec. 18.
From Harbin, it is learned that the international train, after three days of fruitless parleying at Mientuho, returned to Buchatu, arriving yesterday afternoon.

The Consular representatives, it is believed, have given up hope of getting through to Hailar to accomplish their mission.

The trouble in getting through is said to be due to an outbreak of fighting between Chinese troops and Red Cavalry near Yakusu. Mientuho is thus threatened by an attack from the Soviet.—Reuter.

EGYPTIAN DUTIES ON COTTON GOODS.

VARYING RATES IN NEW TARIFF BILL.

Cairo, Dec. 17.
A new Tariff Bill to be submitted to the Egyptian Parliament includes duties on cotton goods varying according to categories. The duties range from eighteen to forty-two millimes per net kilogramme on unbleached goods, from twenty-seven to seventy millimes per kilogramme on bleached goods, from thirty to 105 millimes per kilogramme on coloured goods, and from thirty-six to 160 millimes on all printed materials.—Reuter.

BALTIMORE FIRE.

HEROISM OF NEGRO SAVES SEVERAL LIVES.

Baltimore, Dec. 17.
Four are dead and seven injured through a fire in a waste paper works.

A brave negro saved a party of girls trapped on a fire escape owing to a sliding ladder sticking. This negro climbed up amid the flames and pounded the ladder loose with a hammer.—Reuter's American Service.

KOWLOON ISSUES DISCUSSED.

THE K.R.A.'S LATEST ACTIVITIES.

PARKING OF CARS AT THE FERRY APPROACH.

KOWLOON TONG NEEDS

Several matters of interest were dealt with at the December meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association, held at St. Andrew's Church Hall, with Mr. C. M. Manners, O.B.E., the President, in the chair. Others present included Mr. F. C. Mow Fung (Vice President), Mr. C. Terry (Hon. Secretary), and Messrs. E. Cock M.B.E., B. W. Stapleton, R. Pestonji, H. Un, J. M. Alves, W. J. Brown, Li Jow-sun, C. B. Riggs, E. C. Tregillus and W. Goldenburg.

Car Parking.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed and sundry correspondence dealt with, the question of the "Star" Ferry Approach was again brought before the meeting.

It having been brought to the notice of the Committee that the authorities propose to discontinue the parking of unattended private cars at the Ferry Approach, it was decided to ascertain from the Captain Superintendent of Police what, if any, alternative accommodation would be provided.

It was also decided to write to the D.P.W. reverting to previous correspondence and to enquire whether any information could be made available as to Government's intentions with regard to the scheme for reorganising the traffic at this spot.

Police in Kowloon Tong.

A reply from the C. S. P. to the Association's letter of September, wherein it was stated that provisions for an increase of the strength of the Police Force in Kowloon had been made in next year's estimates, but that Government considered the provision of a sub-station at Kowloon Tong was not yet necessary, was discussed at length.

It was unanimously agreed that the attention of the C. S. P. be drawn to the distance of Kowloon Tong from Kowloon City and Mong Kok Police Stations, and that Government be asked to reconsider their decision in view of the present large population of this district.

Residential Areas.

The sub-committee appointed in November to consider the question of an extension of the present regulations limiting the areas in which hawkers' cries, bands, etc., are permitted, presented a detailed and lengthy report on the subject, which was debated clause by clause.

The report was accepted in toto, and it was unanimously agreed that the proposals set out therein be forwarded to Government.

Briefly summarised, these provide for an extension of the area within which hawkers' cries and all other similar noises and nuisances are forbidden to the area as follows:—From "Star" Ferry, Silsbury Road, Canton Road, Austin Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road, Waterloo Road to No. 4 Bridge, along the Railway Line to No. 2 Bridge, thence along the sea front back to Star Ferry—including Kowloon Tong, Kowloon Hospital and Ho Mun Tin—both sides of Jordan Road West of Nathan Road and the Eastern end of Prince Edward Road as far as Ma Tau Wai to be included, but excluding the area bounded by 'Soy Street, on the south, Nathan Road on the West, Prince Edward Road on the south, and the Railway Line on the east.

Other Matters.

Several other matters, including the utilisation of an area in Ho Mun Tin as a playground, and the placing of watchmen at Castle Peak Beach on the same status as those at Repulse Bay, having been dealt with, the meeting closed.

The Committee wish to remind all members whose subscriptions for 1929 are outstanding that the financial year closes this month; they are therefore requested to forward the amounts due to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Abraham, c/o Messrs. Tester & Abraham, as soon as possible.

CARNERA'S GREAT ADVANCE.

REDEEMS CHARACTER IN A BOXING DISPLAY.

A SMASHING VICTORY.

London, Dec. 17.
Primo Carnera, the twenty-stone Italian giant, redeemed his character in the eyes of the British sporting public to-night when he met and defeated Franz Diener, the German champion, at the Albert Hall. The referee stopped the bout in the sixth round of the 15 rounds contest.

Over eight thousand spectators were present to see Carnera throw off the freakishness and fiendish ferocity which marred his previous displays, and surprise, as well as delight, his audience with a clean cut victory.

The result was never in doubt from the time the first gong sounded.

Fencing for an opening and using a stabbing left to the German's face, Carnera felt his way by boxing instead of fighting until, finding his opponent completely lacking in any form of defence for his jaw, he sailed in and played heavily upon the German's face.

He did much as he liked from start to finish, punching heavy for the whole of the six rounds, until Diener's eyes were almost closed, his mouth bleeding and his features hardly recognisable.

A one-sided contest was mercifully stopped by Matt Wells, the referee.

In another heavyweight contest, Jose Santa, the Portuguese heavyweight champion, fought a draw with Jack Stanley, the English boxer.—Reuter.

HUNGARY'S HAPPY INSPIRATION.

MARES NOT FOR SALE GIVEN TO DUTCH QUEEN.

TOKEN OF GRATITUDE.

Budapest, Dec. 17.
Count Bentinck, the Master of Horse at the Dutch Court, when recently inspecting the famous Hungarian stud of Mezevgyes with a view to purchasing bloodstock for the Royal Stables, was deeply impressed by four coal-black mares of the Nonius strain.

This breed, a very rare one was introduced into Hungary, during the Napoleonic Wars, and Count Bentinck expressed anxiety to purchase the mares.

They were not for sale, however, and the Count returned to Holland somewhat disappointed.

A happy inspiration struck the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture afterwards, the Government offering the four mares to Queen Wilhelmina as a gift in token of Hungary's gratitude to Her Majesty for having been instrumental in saving the lives of thousands of needy Hungarian children in giving them free holidays in Holland.

Queen Wilhelmina has accepted the gift.—Reuter.

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON NAVIES.

JAPANESE DELEGATES VISIT MR. STIMSON.

Washington, Dec. 17.
The first exchange of views between the Japanese and the United States' delegates to the London Naval Conference was held privately to-day at Mr. H. L. Stimson's home.—Reuter's American Service.

NEW YORK MAYOR'S SALARY.

"JIMMY" RECOMMENDS AN INCREASE.

New York, Dec. 17.
Mayor "Jimmy" Walker, just re-elected Mayor of New York City, has recommended himself an increase of salary from £3,000 to £8,000 per annum.—Reuter's American Service.

NON-STOP FLIGHT CRASH.

DESCENT IN MIDDLE OF DENSE WOOD.

GRAPHIC STORY OF OCEAN CROSSING.

FOUND BY ACCIDENT.

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 17.
M. Leon Challe, the well-known French airman, and Colonel Larre Borges, of the Uruguayan Air Service, crashed near Marajaca, in Rio Grande del Norte, after negotiating the most difficult part of their long flight from Seville to Monte Video, namely, the crossing of the South Atlantic Ocean.

One of the fliers was injured. It was first reported to be M. Challe, but it is learned from Natal that Colonel Borges has arrived at San Antonio injured. He says that M. Challe was slightly injured in the crash.

A graphic story of the flight is related by Borges, who says that they tried to land in the darkness owing to lack of fuel, and alighted in the middle of a dense wood.

The airmen apparently encountered very strong headwinds from the time they started out from Seville in their Breguet plane (a sister-plane of that in which Costes set up the non-stop flight record). Later, their difficulties were enhanced by a thick fog, and they were forced to fly blindly over the ocean until they reached the Brazilian coast.

Plane Destroyed.

Both, says Colonel Borges, were exhausted after forty-eight hours of continuous flying, during which they covered little more than 3,600 miles, an illustration of how strong were the winds against them.

As petrol was running very low and darkness was falling fast, they decided to land.

They came down in the middle of a wood owing to the fact that it was impossible to see clearly their whereabouts. The plane overturned and was destroyed.

Brazilians Rush Aid.

Immediately on hearing the news of the mishap, the head of the Brazilian air mail service despatched an aeroplane to Marajaca, which is a small village, near Natal, at the extreme north-easterly tip of South America, near Touros, where Ferrarin and Del Prete, the Italian airmen, landed after their record-breaking flight from Rome in July, 1928.

It seems that Challe and Borges lost their way after striking the coast. They landed in a forest region some sixty miles beyond the seashore—towards evening.

They had been in the air for practically two days.

Found By Horsemen.

The machine overturned on landing. The airmen had no idea of their whereabouts, but fortunately a group of horsemen riding to the coast from the interior came upon them quite by accident.

The spot was so remote from habitations of any description that it was several hours before the horsemen were able to get into touch with Natal and the Governor of Rio Grande del Norte.

Medical help was rushed to Marajaca immediately the information reached Natal, but it was found that M. Challe's injuries were not serious.—Reuter's American Service.

COTTON INDUSTRY TROUBLES.

FORCED WEEK'S HOLIDAY AT CHRISTMAS?

London, Dec. 17.
At a meeting of the American Section of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners, after a speech by the President regarding the critical state of the industry, it was decided to recommend all spinners of American cotton to close their mills from December 23rd to December 18th, inclusive.—Reuter.

After the theatre



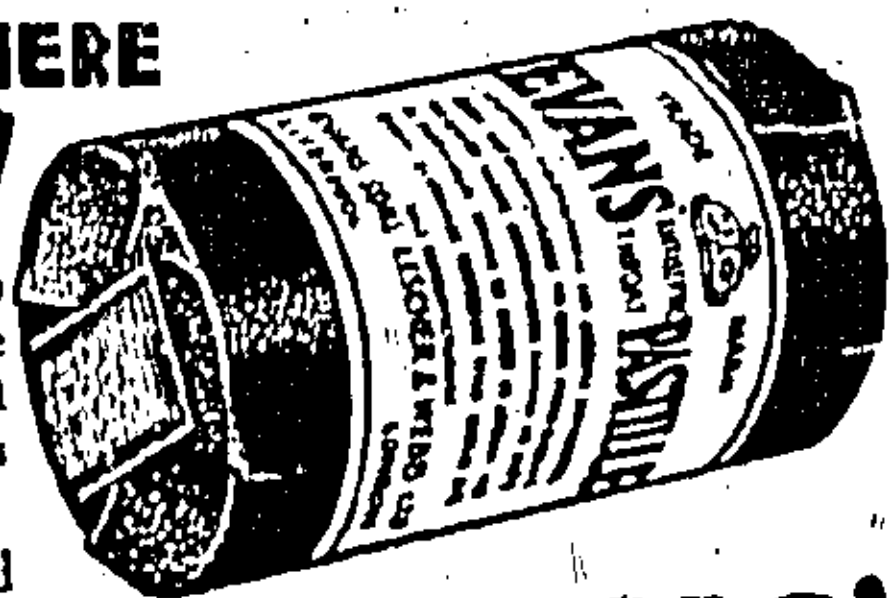
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RECENT RAILWAY INCIDENT.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT AGAINST REVENUE OFFICER.

DEFENDANT'S VERSION

That there existed special instructions for carrying out searches and the subsequent arrest of members of the crews of the trains belonging to the Kowloon Canton Railway, was mentioned at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when a summons for assault brought by two employees of the Railway against Revenue Officer Tallon was heard by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith.

Following the issue of the summons for assault, Revenue Officer Tallon applied for summonses against three employees of the Railway for being in unlawful possession of raw opium.

The case for the Railway workmen, an engine driver and two firemen, was conducted by Mr. F. C. E. Rendall, while Mr. L. R. Andrews, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for Revenue Officer Tallon. Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Department, watched the case on behalf of his Office.

Dr. D. J. Valentine repeated his evidence of finding certain bruises on the driver and fireman whom he examined at the Kowloon Hospital.

Prosecution's Evidence.

The allegations contained in the evidence of the prosecution are that on October 10, on the arrival of the express train from Canton at 7.22 p.m., Revenue Officer Tallon boarded the engine cabin where the driver was alone, the two firemen, having alighted to attend to their duties. The Revenue Officer carried out a search, causing the driver to query his intrusion as he was wearing plain clothes at the time.

It was claimed by the prosecution's witnesses that, without reply, the driver was struck under the chin by Revenue Officer Tallon. In answer to the driver's shout Leung Choi, one of the firemen arrived in time to see a blow being aimed at the driver, who successfully dodged with the result that the steam gauge was broken by the spanner which the revenue officer had in his hand.

The fireman, who had been uncoupling the engine, was carrying a spanner, which he had been using, and it was stated that he was also struck on his appearance in the engine cabin. The men denied that there was any opium on the train or that they had assaulted the revenue officer.

Under cross-examination, the witnesses were informed by Mr. Andrews of discrepancies in their evidence as compared with a statement, which each had made the day following the incident, to Mr. J. Smith, through an interpreter. One witness intimated that what he told Mr. Smith was what he had told the Court and thought that the interpreter had made a mistake.

Case to Answer.

At the conclusion of the evidence for the prosecution Mr. Andrews intimated that the evidence was inconsistent, but his Worship remarked that although it was conflicting in some details Revenue Officer Tallon had a case to answer as it had been shown that the men suffered severe injuries.

Mr. Andrews intimated that it was admitted Revenue Officer Tallon had inflicted the injuries, but that he had the strongest justifications for the assault.

His Worship remarked that he would say that even if there had been opium on the train a revenue officer was not justified in laying a man out unless it was in self-defence.

Mr. Andrews replied that his case was that the injuries were inflicted in self-defence, and if his Worship held that he had a

CHARTS AFFECTED.

NEW SOUNDINGS NEEDED OFF NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Dec. 17.

Reports from the fleet of cable ships now attempting to repair cable breaks caused by the recent earthquake on the Atlantic coast indicate that the ocean bed has radically changed over the affected area, and must be re-charted.

The Swedish liner Kungaholm arrived from Gothenburg, and the captain said soundings taken in an area of two hundred miles in length approaching Cape Race showed variations of forty to fifty fathoms from the soundings recorded in existing charts. Only a few chart soundings were found to be correct.—Reuter's American Service.

case to answer he would call Revenue Officer Tallon.

Mr. Andrews said that revenue officers had instructions not to interfere with the work of the railway employees when a search was being made. The reason was that it was desirable that the train should be taken out of the station as quickly as possible. When the opium was found in the engine cabin on the day in question, Revenue Officer Tallon sent a Chinese R. O. to find Mr. Winyard, but the Railway official was not at the station. On returning he asked a ticket collector to go to the engine to witness the seizure of the opium.

As to what happened on the engine, Mr. Andrews said that Revenue Officer Tallon would say that a lump of coal had struck him, and seeing the form of Leung Choi through the steam he struck and hit the fireman.

Revenue Officer's Story.

Giving evidence, Revenue Officer Tallon said that he had been in the Imports and Exports Department for seven years, and had had considerable experience in opium. He could tell raw opium by sight.

On October 10 witness said that he went to the station with a party of foks and after he had despatched them to their various posts to search the passengers, he and one of the men went to the engine. As witness approached he saw one man jump off the cabin on the track side of the engine.

When witness boarded the engine the only person there was Sung Kim, the driver. Witness remained on the platform side of the cabin while his foks went round the other side. On opening a drawer under the driver's seat witness found it half full of what he recognised to be raw opium. After picking up two packets he replaced them and closed the drawer again, while he sent the foks to summon Mr. Winyard. At the same time witness told the driver to carry on with his work.

Driver's Alleged Act.

Witness said that his instructions were not to interfere with the machinery until the engine was taken back to the depot. That was why he had replaced the two packets of opium.

Continuing, witness said that the driver deliberately smashed the steam gauge with a spanner which he had found either on or in the tool box. Witness had never been in an engine cabin before when the steam gauge had been smashed.

Mr. Andrews: What was the effect on you?

Witness: I was in front of the gauge at the time and boiling water was coming out. I didn't know what was going to happen. I had no idea what was going to happen.

Mr. Andrews: I suppose it caused you considerable surprise?

—It did.

What did you do?—I immediately closed with the driver to get possession of the spanner and having got possession I made my way out of the cabin.

Witness added that as he was making his way out he received a nasty knock on the back of the left hand and at the same time a

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glancing blow on the right shoulder. Witness stated, in reply to Mr. Andrews, that when he snatched the spanner from the driver he was not thinking of being gentle with him.

On looking into the cabin witness saw the form of a man through the steam and struck the person with the spanner. After alighting from the engine witness waited for a short time for the steam to clear.

Witness said that the opium could easily have been disposed of. It could have been thrown into the fire or out of the train. When a second search was made the drawer, in which the opium had been seen, was empty.

Cross-Examination.

Mr. Rendall: I put it to you that when he (the driver) moved as he did you thought he was going to attack you and you aimed a blow at him?

Witness (emphatically): I did not.

When asked why he did not take some of the opium, witness replied that if he had known what was

going to happen he would have taken the whole lot. Witness added that he had intended thoroughly to search the engine after it had been taken back to the depot.

Mr. Rendall: Opium has a habit of disappearing hasn't it?

Witness: Yes.

In reply to a further question witness repeated that if he had known what would happen subsequently, he would have taken all the opium from the drawer.

Mr. Rendall: May I put it to you that you may have been mistaken? There wasn't any opium there?

Witness: I am absolutely certain of that fact.

Continuing, witness said that when he had alighted on the platform he watched the engine cabin, which was full of steam, but did not see anybody take the opium from the drawer.

Disputed With Conduct.

When asked if he had been armed, witness replied that he had been but would not think of using his revolver among Government servants, nor did he feel justified

in drawing his weapon because he had been hit.

On being asked why he did not arrest the men, witness repeated his instructions, and when told that the train was not taken back by the driver witness said that he did not wait, as he was "so disgusted with their conduct that he left them to it."

Mr. Rendall: So that you were willing not to take any proceedings against them for the opium that you had seen?

Witness replied in the negative, and added that he would have reported the matter to the Superintendent of Imports and Exports the following day.

Re-examined by Mr. Andrews, witness said that it was as a result of a previous seizure that the instructions not to interfere with the duties of the driver were issued. On that occasion the Railway authorities had remonstrated very strongly with the Imports and Exports department for arresting the crew of an engine at the station.

The case was adjourned until this afternoon.

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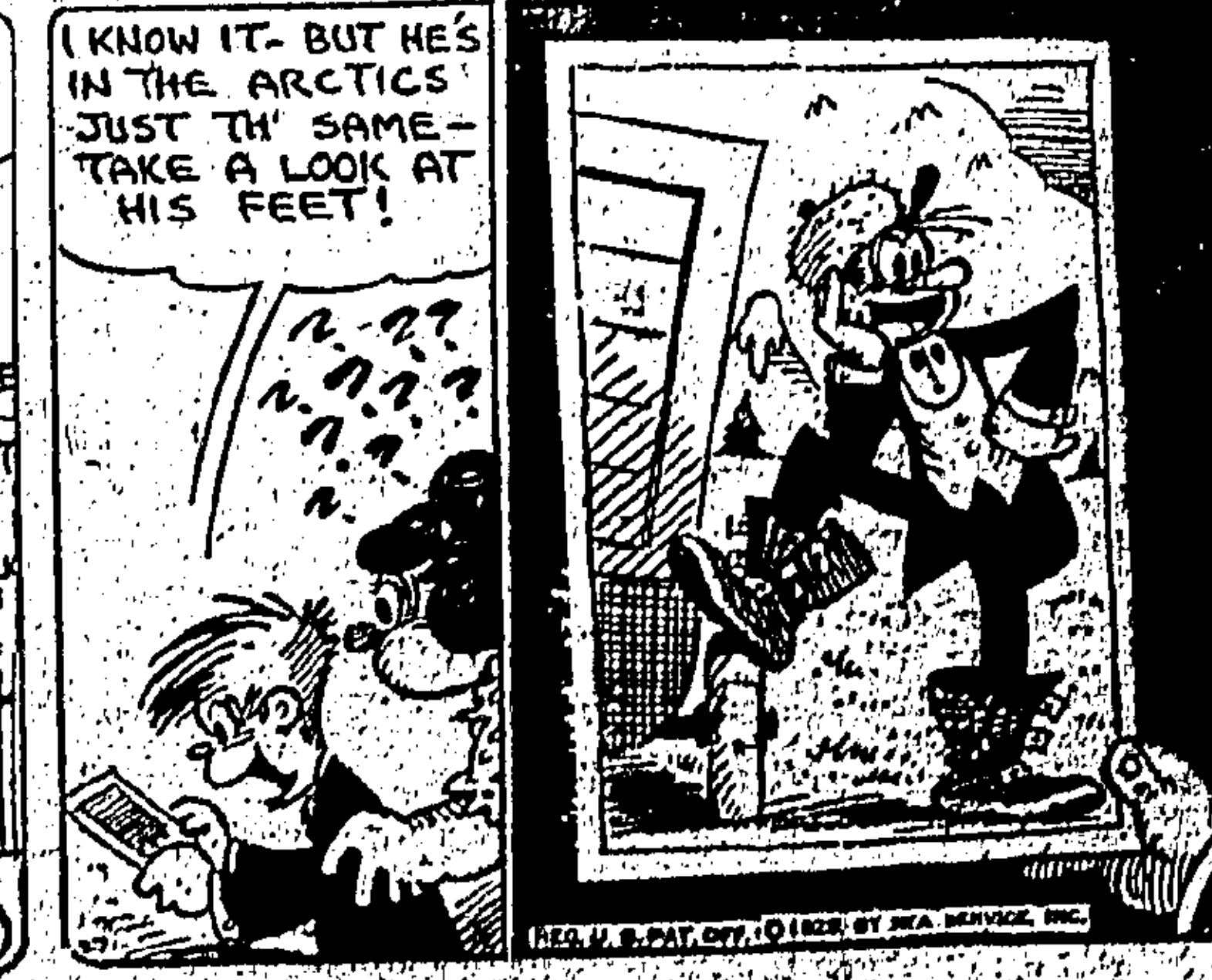
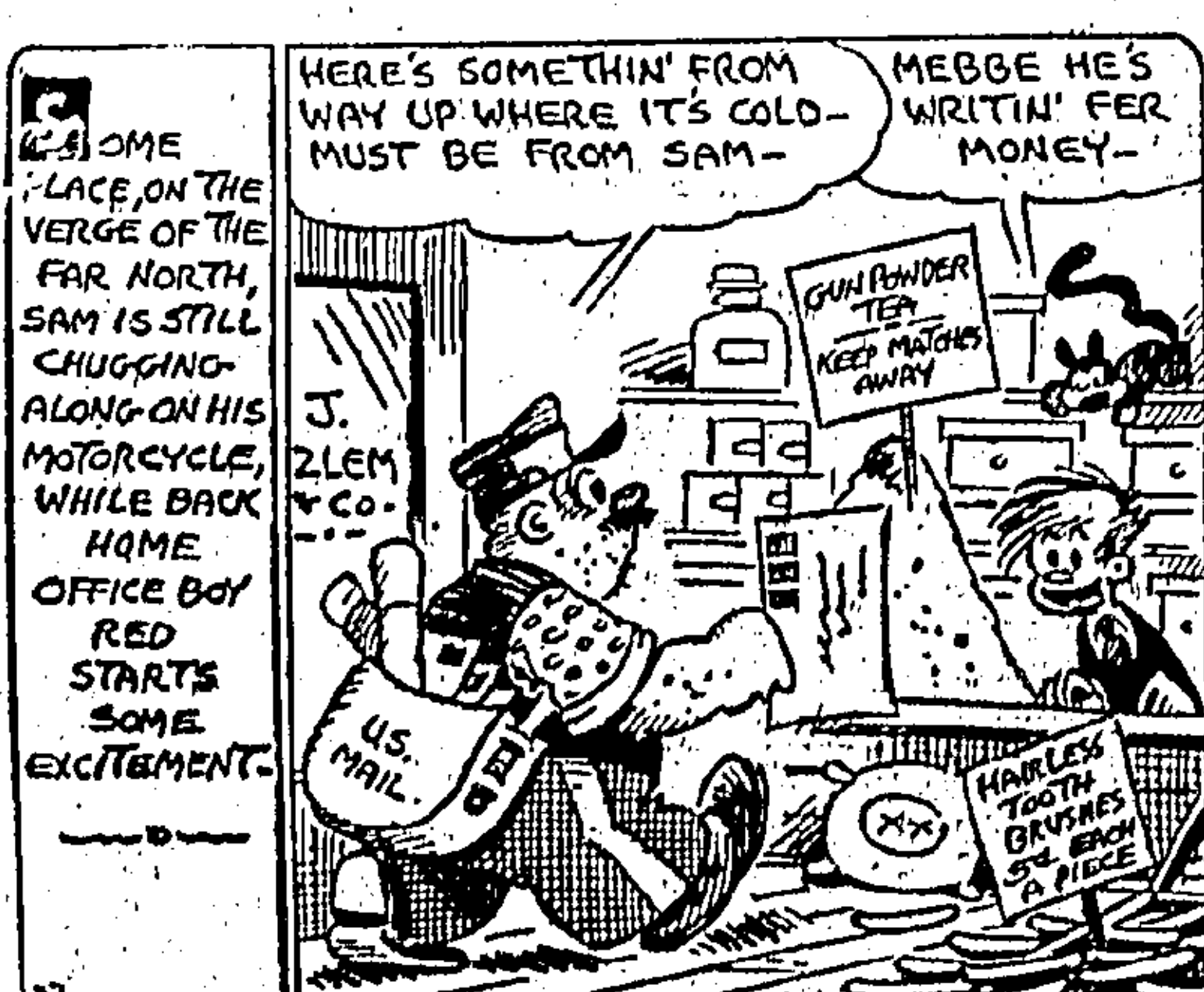
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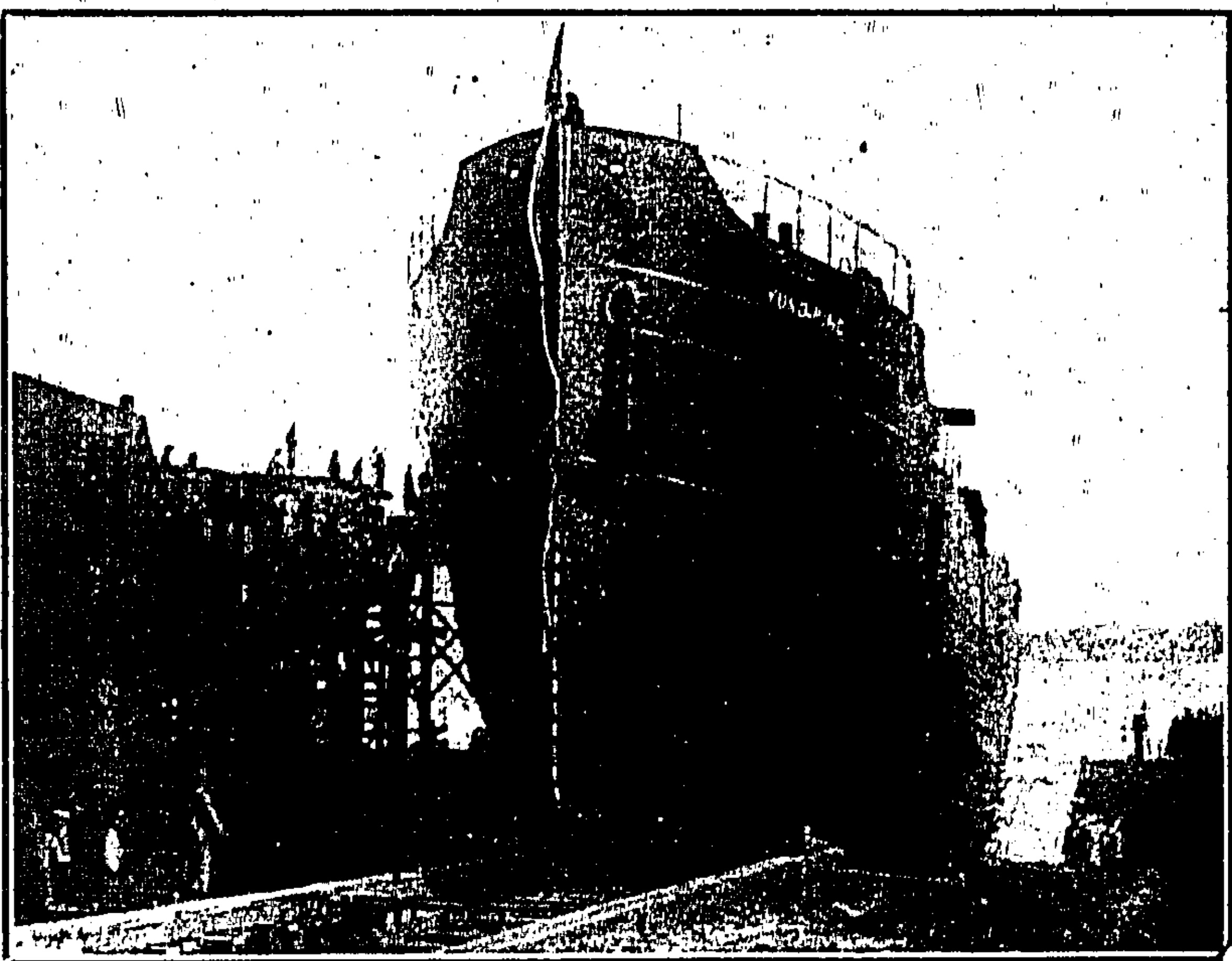
An unconventional picture of General V. H. Liu, Governor of Szechwan Province, with his wife and infant son.



Photo taken in Shanghai recently when Miss Muriel Hardy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hardy, of Yorkshire, became the wife of Mr. Victor Edward M. Hardy, son of John Ellorke of London.



Picture taken during the joint reception by members of the American Association of University Women and the American Women's Club given in Shanghai in honour of Dr. Aurelia Henry Reinhardt, President of Mills College and delegate to the Kyoto Conference. Dr. Reinhardt gave a splendid address on the conference.



The M. V. Yung Ping of the Dah-zung Steam Navigation Company, being launched at the yards of the constructors, the Kiousin Shipbuilding and Engineering Works, Ltd., Nantac. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of spectators.



Jean Wells, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., pianist and musical director of the Warwick Revue Company, which is returning to the Colony for a short season at the Star Theatre.



Mr. H. E. Jackson, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, who has been transferred to Kongmoon, after two years in Shanghai.



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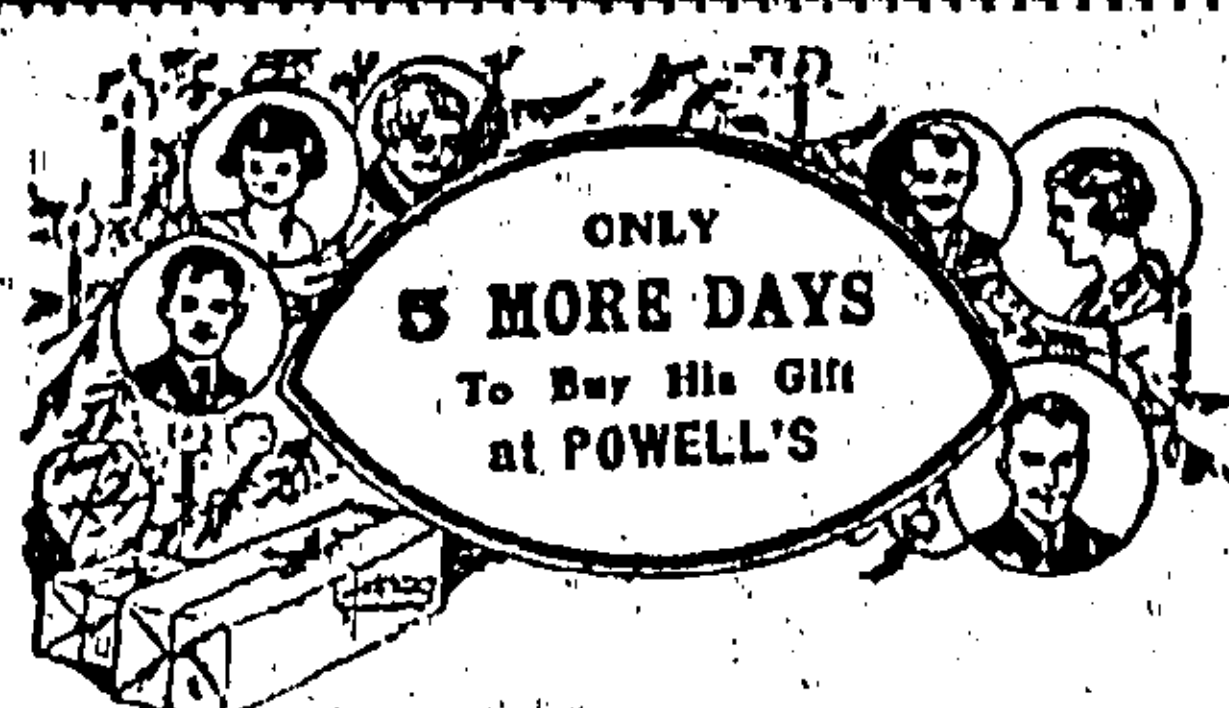
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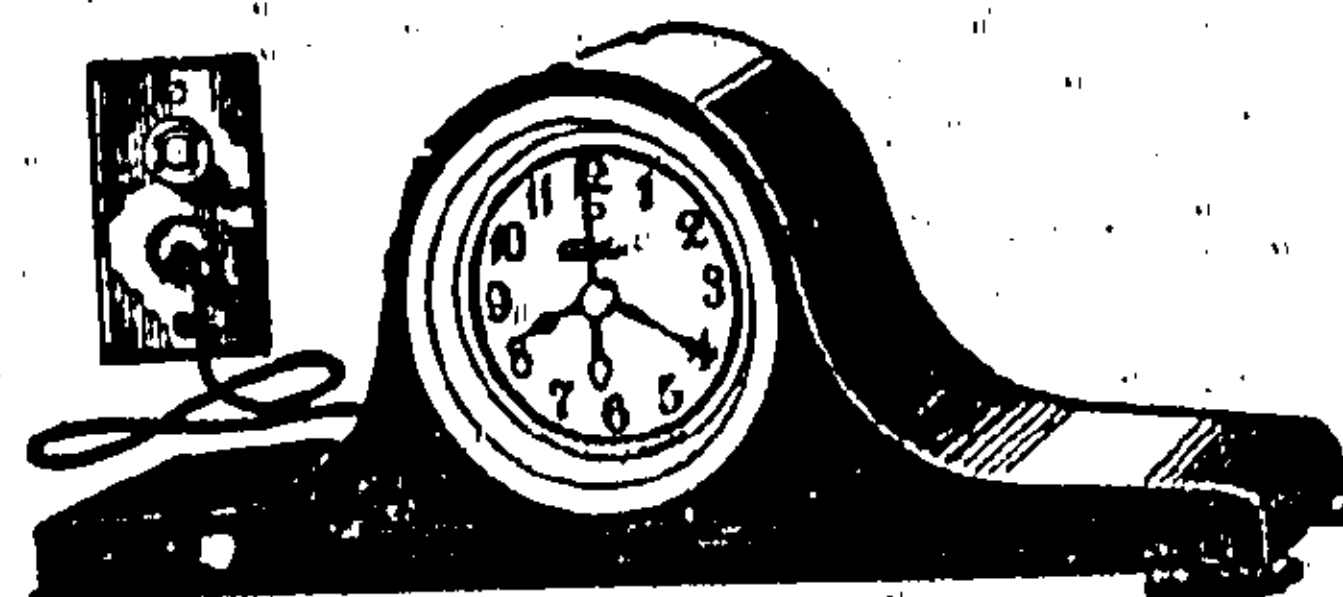
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BREWER CASE EVIDENCE.

"DID NOT MAKE A CENT
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DEFENCE QUESTIONS.

"There is nothing in the books to show that Mr. Brewer has made a cent except for his salary," said Mr. Hampden Ross, the auditor commissioned to investigate the books of the Instone Banking Corporation yesterday, when he concluded his testimony in the Brewer case.

Mr. Ross has spent two afternoons in the witness box answering questions of law and practice in relation to the system of drawing up a Company's balance sheet. When hypothetical questions were put by Mr. E. Davidson on behalf of the defence, witness appealed to the Bench. The hearing which was before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grant-ham was again adjourned.

Resuming his cross-examination of Mr. S. Hampden Ross, Mr. E. Davidson asked: "Collateral Security Loans shown in the balance sheet as an asset and amounting to \$349,000 odd, represent notes signed by shareholders in advance of calls? These were definite promises to pay various sums of money by the shareholders?—Yes. It is treated as monies in advance of calls and lent back to shareholders. Assuming that they were valid debts they were in fact assets?—No.

Why not?—They were not realisable.

I said assuming they were valid debts they were all assets?—An asset must be worth money. That is not worth anything.

I am asking you to assume they were valid debts and therefore worth money?—A debt due to a company is an asset. A bad debt is not.

I regret to say I have not assumed they were bad debts, and you have no right to assume they were bad debts. I have every right to assume seeing that I investigated the books.

How can you say for certainty they were bad debts? Supposing they were not valid debts, they were not assets?—No.

They were described as "Collateral Security Loans." Will you take it from me that "Collateral Security Loans" are secured, or do you suggest something else?—I understand it to mean "additional securities."

Asked to Assume.

Everyone of those debts was secured by a lien on the shareholders' shares?—In my opinion, that is not a security.

I am not asking for your opinion. These are the facts relative to that point which I now read to you.

"I hereby make an application to the Instone Banking Corporation for a personal loan of \$9,000, which sum I propose to use in payment of the balance outstanding on 100 Ordinary Shares applied for (or allotted to) me in my name, on which the sum of \$10 per share has been previously paid by me in cash. I agree that this loan, if accepted, shall be a lien on the said shares, and that in the event of my desisting to transfer or hypothecate the said shares, shall be forthwith repayable without demand."

Mr. Davidson: "I agree this loan if accepted, shall be a lien on the said shares. That is an agreement giving a lien on the shareholders' shares?—Witness: Yes.

If that is security, were these debts not secured?—You are asking me to assume again.

I am asking you to assume that is security, because I have ample evidence, have authority more weighty than your opinion, that it is security, and only ask you now to assume that it is so?—You are asking me in every case to accept your explanation as regards the law, and then you want me to answer your question.

I am asking you, for the purposes of argument, that that is security in law?—I don't know anything about the law.

But do you accept it from me that that is the law?—No, I am not prepared to accept it because I don't know anything about the law.

Secured Loans or Not.

You don't know—you can't say they were securities in law, in other words, that they were secured loans?—I cannot answer your question.

If a lien on the shareholders' own shares is security in law, are not these secured loans?—I am unable to answer a question which is based on assumption.

Mr. Grant-ham: That is a clear question. I think you can answer that. Let us put it in this way: Accepting Mr. Davidson's assumption for a moment, do you accept such as secured loans?

After considerable hesitation, witness replied: "Yes, but I cannot agree that a loan through a lien on Company's shares is a secured loan."

Mr. Grant-ham: But supposing for a moment that, in law, that lien on shares is security?—Witness: Yes, yes.

Mr. Davidson: In that case on the same assumption (I am sorry to ask you another question which may help defendant). If that is so, then it is a correct term to use in the balance sheet?—As far as the word "secured loans" is concerned, yes. In view of the fact that as an "asset" it is worth nothing, it is still a mistake in the balance sheet. When I say it is worth nothing, I mean to say that it is not worth the money at which it is shown on the balance sheet.

How do you prove the fact?—It is impossible to collect money on it.

Since the Company went into liquidation?—Yes.

Is it not a fact that the Official Receiver has collected money on those loans, as you call it?—

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (interposing): I will put Mr. Agassiz into the box and you can ask that question.

Making It Balance.

Mr. Davidson: I now come back to the question which I asked you originally, Mr. Ross. On the same assumption, — you can bring yourself to make it—this statement is verbally correct, of its being a secured loan?—Yes.

On the other side of the balance sheet, these same are included in the "paid-up capital"?—Yes.

They had therefore to be included on the assets side to balance the balance sheet?—Not necessarily.

Why not? How else could you make it balance?—On the same assumption, you can include anything on the balance sheet to make it balance. It is not the correct way from my point of view.

Well, it is my point of view we are dealing with at present. I know you have your own views of it.—They were not there just to make the books balance. They must have been put in there to—

I don't say they had not been put in there. It is obvious that if it is to be on one side it must be also put on the other, to make the whole thing balance. Therefore, it can be verbally correct?—Assuming they were secured loans.

I want to go back for a moment, Mr. Ross, and again deal with the item issued and subscribed capital which I did not deal with yesterday. The amount of \$2,613,000 odd is correctly stated?—The issued capital according to the books, is \$1,444,000.

What about subscribed capital?

—There was no subscribed capital.

You know it was not subscribed capital?—To call it subscribed capital I should require proof of its having been paid in as subscribed capital.

Into the Law Again.

I am asking you to assume that view, and you did so when we dealt with the assets, that these applications were good for shares?—Yes.

Yes, if that is so, then it is correct to describe the capital as \$2,613,000?—Assuming that the actual statement as it stands is correct.

I take you a point further. The subscribed capital is that which has been allotted on those loan applications?—You are taking me again into the law. From the point of view of an auditor and a layman, I must say that the \$2,613,000 was not subscribed capital as it appears on the balance sheet.

I am not suggesting that they should not appear on the balance sheet.

Witness again appealed to the Bench.

Mr. Davidson, pursuing the question asked: If the capital was subscribed, that is to say, if applications were received, the statement "issued and subscribed capital" is not false?—I don't agree.

What do you understand is "subscribed capital" as opposed to "issued capital"?—"Subscribed capital" is capital which has been duly applied for, and money has been received with the applications.

Won't that involve allotment?—No, I don't think so.

True Statement of Affairs.

Turning to the item "stocks, shares and other securities," you have told us that these consisted of \$16,000 fully paid-up shares in the possession of the Instone Trading Company?—Yes. The books show that these were transferred from Mrs. Brewer.

If those shares had been shown in the balance sheet in this way, that they were put at only half of their nominal value, would you have any quarrel with it or the figure?—Yes, I think so. I am sure of it.

As an accountant—

Witness: As an auditor.

Mr. Davidson: As an auditor I put it to you in another way. I suggest that if it is put in that way, it can also be a false statement?—If these shares were worth par, yes. But I think it would be a false statement.

Although if it is actually, literally and perfectly true?—Yes. A balance sheet, to be reliable, must present a true statement of affairs. If these investments were not worth it, they should be shown at their real value or have a footnote in the balance sheet as to what their real value is.

If these assets were actually Instone Trading Co. shares standing in the books of the Company at their par value?—Yes.

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BREWER CASE EVIDENCE.

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Moral Point of View.

On the books as they were, these shares had to appear as they did in the balance sheet, at \$415,000?—No. You may have books allowing these shares at the par value, but you must not show it in the balance sheet as if they are worth that much.

You mean it would not be the honest thing to do. You mean to say that from the moral point of view that is not right?—Not moral point of view.

From the auditor's point of view then. I am suggesting you cannot stretch the balance sheet in any other way than by suggesting that these shares were so much, as shown on the books?—No.

How else can you balance the sheet?—You could have written them down in the profit and loss account. If you don't do so you should have added a footnote to the balance sheet.

It is correct then, if there is a footnote?—Yes.

The balance of that item, amounting to \$69,000, odd, should be the value of the right to purchase certain bonds? You say that an item like a goodwill is not an investment?—No, in the meaning of the word here.

The Bond Issue.

In the meaning of the word here, I put it to you, Mr. Ross, it is a matter of plain language, anything you buy, is an investment; it is an investment whether good or bad?—Yes; but goodwill should not appear as an investment if the balance sheet is to present a true statement of affairs.

You will agree with me that whatever your views of balance sheets may be, an item of this kind can be described as an investment?—Yes.

As a matter of fact there is this question of \$65,000 odd which you told has been refunded, according to the books?—Assuming that the item is correct, yes. As long as the books are concerned, that issue of \$68,000 is represented as bond issue.

I put it to you, Mr. Ross, it is capable of being described as an investment. I know what your auditor's views are. We are not dealing with what is correct or wrong. We are dealing with a serious charge of perjury. It is obvious I must lead you a little further, and put it to you that a thing like that can be described as an investment?—In a balance sheet?

In or out of a balance sheet?—Yes, it can be described as an investment, but not in the balance sheet.

Wasn't there some security on mortgage on property in the New Territories belonging to the Indent Banking Corporation?—I think there was at the time of the liquidation. I don't think that mortgage had been guaranteed at the time of the balance sheet.

Mortgage on Property.

Do you know that it was not the case? Are you prepared to swear now that the mortgage was not in existence at the time of the balance sheet?—

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (interposing): Well, I can produce the mortgage.

Was the mortgage, which I think is for \$5,000 odd, included in this item of \$266,630?—No. The mortgage loan was granted sometime between the date of this balance sheet of 1928 and the date when the Company went into liquidation in June of this year.

How was the \$266,630 made up?—Yes, it is made up of \$200,000 on Hongkong property, 180 Hongkong Electric, \$2,500 and \$4,000 which is a cross-entry; at least I think it was a cross-entry. I found that the \$2,500 was a Treasury loan made on mortgage.

The balance of that \$266,630 is a cross-entry from the balance sheet of the Hongkong branch?—Yes.

Not a Cent Except Salary.

How do you discover that?—By tracing the original entries through the books and journal, I found the transaction was this: The head office books were showing the Hongkong property, and they transferred the Hongkong property out of the books of the head office into the books of the Hongkong office. As a bookkeeping entry, I will put it in this way: The head office, having lost their "assets" on Hongkong property, were obliged to get something in its place, so they got the amount of transfer into its place. So in place of the Hongkong property they had a "loan" which was due from the Hongkong office.

Did it take you some time to discover that?—No.

I put it to you that it would have been obvious to anybody who might be looking at the balance sheet?—No.

It has been admitted by Mr. Fitzroy, Mr. Ross, that nobody was defrauded by this balance sheet. I think you probably know that before so—I put it to you that there is nothing in the books to show that Mr. Brewer ever had made a cent?—No, there is nothing in the books to show that Mr. Brewer

SCOUTS' CONCERT.

PLEASING FUNCTION BY THE WAH YAN TROOP.

Variety was the keynote of the concert which was given by a number of local residents last night in the Hall of the Wah Yan College (by kind permission of the Headmaster) in aid of the funds of the 28th Hongkong Troop of Boy Scouts, who are attached to the college.

In the selection of the different items the organisers left nothing to be desired, and catered for all tastes. Without being dependent entirely on outside talent the Scouts themselves contributed largely towards the success of the evening's entertainment, their appearances in a camp fire scene and other items, including a Chinese action song, being excellent.

The contributions of the visiting artists consisted of songs and musical items, while the lighter side of the performance was in the capable hands of Messrs. Christian and Grenham, described as two coons, who kept the audience in fits of laughter throughout.

Those taking part in the concert were the Misses Stella Ho, Phyllis Gittins, Mrs. H. Kew, the Misses Field, the Rev. N. V. Hayward, Messrs. N. Botelho, Peter Cheung, John Cheung, C. Y. Lau, H. Bear, Lee, Sousa, Christian, Grenham and "The Awkward Squad."

The funds of the troop should, as a result of this fine effort, be considerably augmented. The function had a more significant feature in that it was held at a time when the College is celebrating the tenth anniversary of its foundation.

WATER SUPPLY.

HONGKONG STORAGE SHOWS DECREASE.

The total storage in the island reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 16th December, amounted to 1,419.44 million gallons, showing a decrease of 44.93 million gallons during the past week; the amount collected from streams being 2.84 million gallons.

The week's consumption amounted to 47.77 million gallons.

Kowloon Supply.

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 16th December, amounted to 483.29 million gallons, showing a decrease of 6.61 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 27.24 million gallons, not including 1.87 million gallons supplied to Water Bonts at Lai Chi Kok.

The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week was 22.50 million gallons.

London, Dec. 17.

Britain is experiencing an anti-cyclone, with dry, cold weather, and the flooded areas in the Thames Valley and elsewhere are decreasing rapidly. The height of the spring tides is expected to-morrow, and the danger of any flooding in the London area will end on Thursday afternoon. This has been diminished by the rapid reduction in height of the Thames flood water during the last four days.—British Wire- less.

had ever made a cent, except for his salary.

Expert Required.

Re-examined by Mr. Fitzroy, Mr. Ross said that it required an expert to prepare a balance sheet.

Mr. Fitzroy:—What sort of expert?—Anyone trained in book-keeping.

The object of a balance sheet is to show the correct financial position of a Company at the time?—Yes.

What do you understand by the term "collateral security"? I refer to what appears in this balance sheet, not what is slung about the street in colloquial language.

Mr. Ross replied that he understood the term to mean additional security. Assuming a person granted a loan and was given a promissory note and also some shares of another company, he would regard these shares, if so deposited, to be collateral security.

Could your own personal security be regarded as collateral security?—No.

In reply to further questions by Mr. Fitzroy, witness said that a number of forms applying for shares were written off and transferred to the allotment and suspense account. Referring later to the figure given in the balance sheet as stocks, shares and other investments, Mr. Ross said that the figures should convey the actual value of the shares, unless a footnote was attached to the balance sheet to explain otherwise.

Mr. Fitzroy:—Would you describe the errors you have shown to us in the balance sheet as errors of book-keeping?—No.

The case was then adjourned.

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CINEMA NOTES.

"THE BROADWAY MELODY" FOR TO-MORROW.

The much-heralded and long-awaited "The Broadway Melody" is scheduled to open at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow. This is Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's first all-talking, all-singing, all-dancing production, and those who hold the destinies of M-G-M in the palms of their hands promise new novelties in their initial hepr and see "opera."

Word comes from the camera capital and from Broadway, New York, where the film has already been released, that "The Broadway Melody" is entitled to a couple of "supers" prefixing the familiar word "production." When a picture can make hard-boiled Hollywood and New York give a few loud British cheers, its apt to find its way onto moviegoers' "don't miss" list. Bessie Love, periest of picture players, has the leading feminine role, with Anita Page, the youngster who scored in "Our Daughters" prominent in the supporting cast. The male love interest is supplied by Charles King, a musical comedy recruit.

If "what's in a name?" is to be the query, "The Broadway Melody" has a list of celebrities connected with it that resembles a gathering at a debutante's coming-out party.

James Gleason, cleverest of wisecrackers, and Arthur Freed take just credit for the smart dialogue, and Harry Beaumont wielded the megaphone. The story employs "Tin Pan Alley" and the stage as fascinating settings, and, by the way, if you're fond of theme songs, there'll be three of 'em in this picture. There are sequences done in technicolor and, plenty of glorified girls are brought in to add pep and zest to the chorus numbers. Indeed, if proper attention to production counts for anything, "The Broadway Melody" is destined to be the biggest hit of the cinema season.

Last Showing.

Mary Duncan, an outstanding success on both the speaking stage and silent screen, adds a new chapter to her experience and record of achievement in "Thru Different Eyes," all-talking Fox Movietone production in which she is co-featured with Warner Baxter and which is at the Queen's Theatre for its final performances to-day.

Miss Duncan, throughout her career, has made quick decisions and sudden changes, all of which have advanced her position in the theatrical world, so she makes the transition from silent to talking pictures merely an incident in her colourful life.

"THE GEISHA."

ANOTHER BIG HIT LAST NIGHT.

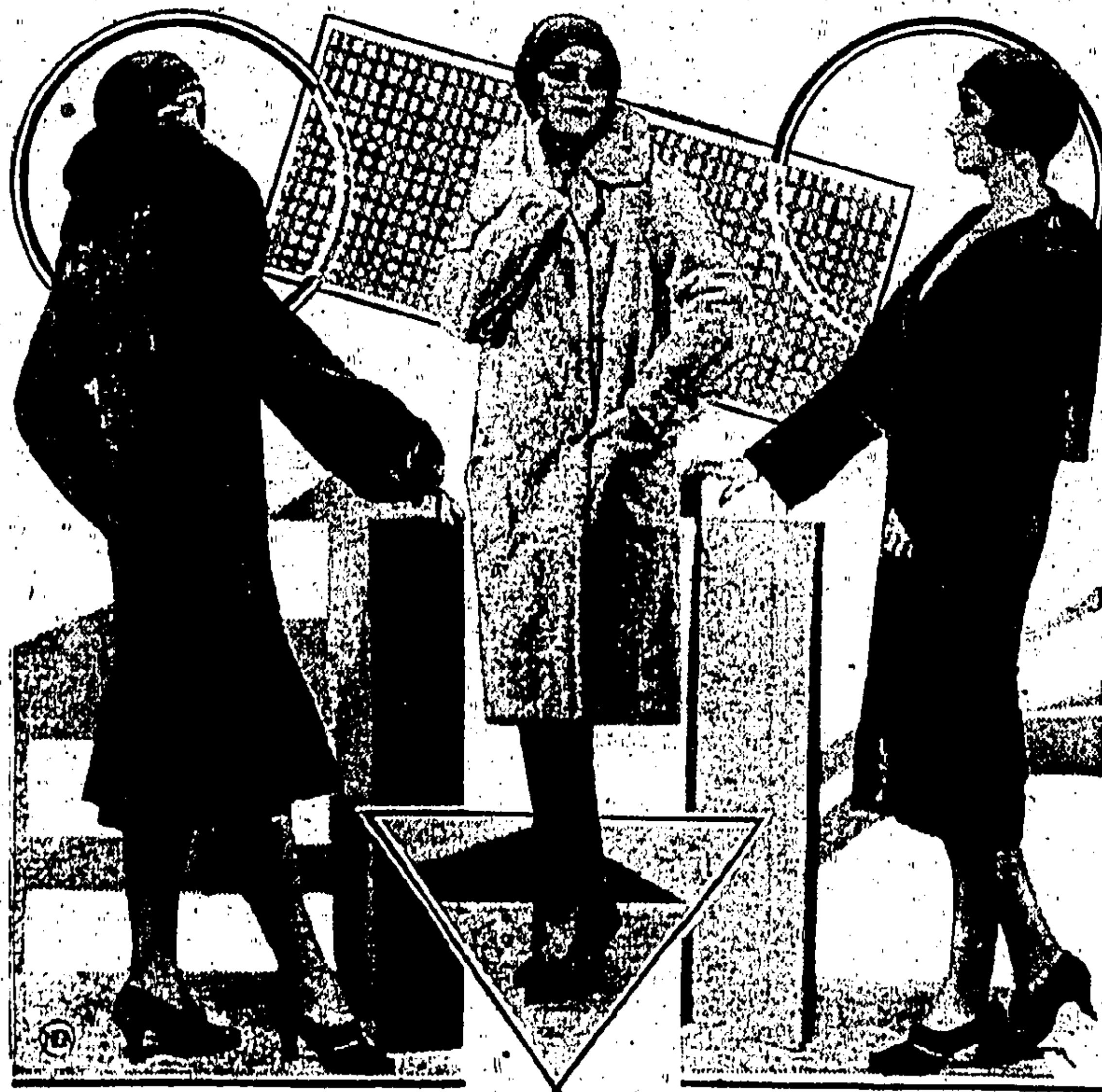
Another big success was scored by the Philharmonic Society last night, when "The Geisha" was presented for the third time. There was a large audience, which included H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi, H.E. Major General J. W. Sandilands, and Commodore R. A. S. Hill.

The consensus of opinion was that the production was the best yet given, principals, chorus and orchestra alike being in fine form. Mrs. Bowes-Smith, Miss Clarke, Mr. Greensmith, Mr. Barker and Mr. Brock were especially good, and they were ably supported by the other members of the cast.

The dressing of the show and the excellence of the scenery were most favourably commented upon by all present, whilst the manner in which the ensembles had been arranged was a further tribute to the producer.

We can thoroughly recommend the show as one not to be missed.

WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.



For afternoon and for formal wear, black furs are very much approved by fashion, cut on the new ample lines, but for sport wear nothing is more appropriate than lapin, which is seen in the most subtle of tan and grey tones.

Ways With Wine.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE INEXPERIENCED.

To the woman inexperienced in wine lore, to be presented with the wine list, with its formidable pages, means a certain amount of panic.

You need not be a connoisseur in order to know what to drink with any particular dish, but such knowledge will add immeasurably to your enjoyment when dining out.

Although the art of changing wines with every course is almost dead nowadays, except at banquets, a few hints may be appreciated all the same.

With hors d'œuvres, either vermouth or a pale sherry is taken. A Graves or Chablis go well with oysters. Never on any account take claret or red Burgundy nor any wine fortified with spirit, with bysters or any other kind of shell fish, as these wines contain a high proportion of tannic acid in their make-up, and they counteract the dissolving action of the gastro-nomic juices to the peril of digestion.

A rich sherry is served with the soup, and a light wine with the fish. Red wines should not be taken with fish, as, however fine, they will not taste good with that context.

Claret is the ideal drink for the entree, and for the roast select a fine Burgundy, such as Romance Conti, or Chambertin.

Champagne or Burgundy is required with game.

A light Portuguese Madeira is the correct accompaniment to pastry and sweets; while with the cheese and dessert select a nippy

port. Some sherrys are among the best dessert wines.

At the end of the dinner comes coffee and the liqueurs. Here there is a wide choice, richly coloured and richly named. Chartreuse, Benedictine, Grand Marnier, Kummel, and Creme de Menthe all have their adherents. Undoubtedly the finest liqueur with black coffee is brandy, the best being Cognac, the spirit distilled from the wines of the Charente.

A little word of advice, unless you wish to appear a mere novice—do not commit that ultimate solecism of drinking the liqueur in or with your coffee. The object of the strong black coffee is to prepare the palate to receive the liqueur brandy in all its richness and subtle flavouring.

White wines, sherry, Burgundy, and claret should be served warm—that is, at room temperature, 65 to 70 degrees.

To warm wine it should be brought into the dining-room a few hours before it is required. Never immerse the bottle of wine in hot water, or stand it directly in front of the fire. If the bottle is allowed to remain in a comfortably warm room for a little while, it will reach the right temperature.

Champagne is served ice-cold. Sparkling Moselle, famed for its bouquet, is an excellent substitute for champagne, which is so expensive. Moselle is a light, easily digested wine.

Before serving his guests, the host should pour a little wine from a newly-opened bottle into the bottom of his own glass. This is correct, and a relic of olden times when there was always a fear that the host might be plotting to poison his guests.

Fashion Notes.

FLUFFINESS FOR EVENING.

If the vogue of simplicity has triumphed in dress for day-time wear, the evening demands something more elaborate, and women do not show any reluctance in taking up the fluffy things that the dressmakers show them.

It would be an error of judgment to want to adopt tight, short dresses for evening wear, such as those worn in the daytime. The glitter of artificial lighting requires something different and rich material is not sufficient to ensure a beautiful dress.

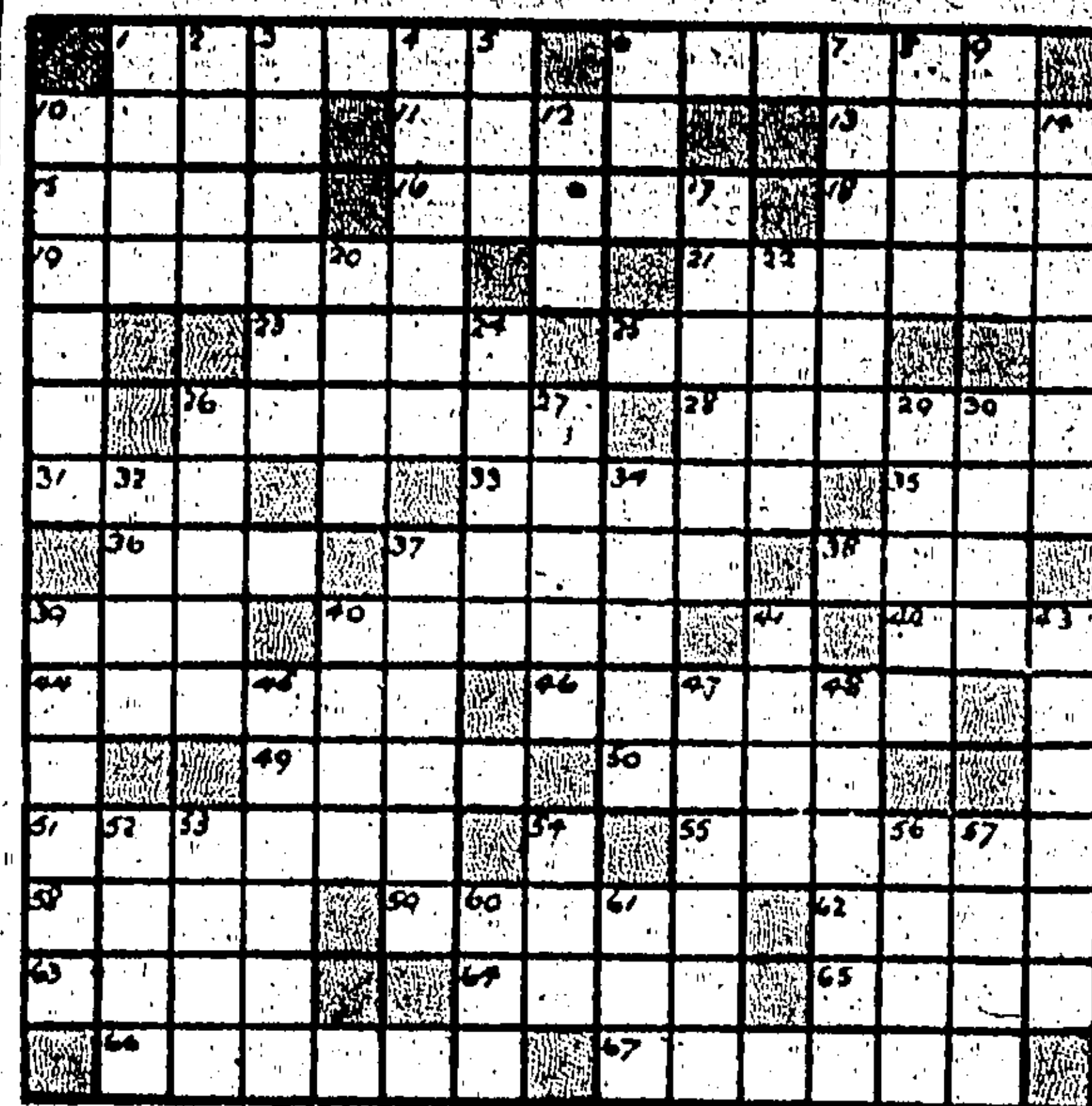
The materials certainly count for something, but not everything. Among a number of very attractive models seen at a recent opening there is a very charming gown of pale blue moire. It is simple, because fashion insists upon simplicity, but the simplicity is more apparent than real, for the importance lies in the skirt, which is made with godets cut in very sidful fashion. A dazzling cabochon has the appearance of holding all this fullness, which is in contrast with a straight corsage, which a little collar knotted at the back further simplifies. This is a little gown with a real distinction.

The Normal Waistline.

It is one of the features of winter fashion to show ample and longer skirts, and this, although only a detail, is of great importance.

Infinitely prettier is it in the ballroom, or even in the street, to see the graceful movements permitted by the full skirt, instead of the hesitating, nervous step to which we have become accustomed. Every woman will adopt this fashion with relief. As the waistline will be marked at its normal place, we shall return to a more rational silhouette and slowly the eye will forget the beloved narrow line of past seasons. Fashion does not love revolutions. Changes are made slowly, step by step, a lesson from Nature over which one might well ponder.

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- 1 Spread ungracefully.
 - 6 Scribble.
 - 10 Genus of the lily order.
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 - 13 Oceans.
 - 15 Deep hollow noise.
 - 16 Small white heron.
 - 18 Moved hitherward.
 - 19 Run aground.
 - 21 Staggered.
 - 23 Retain.
 - 25 Make cautious.
 - 26 Guide.
 - 28 One who codifies.
 - 31 Couple.
 - 35 Challenge.
 - 36 Observe.
 - 38 Common tree.
 - 37 Marked.
 - 38 Alcoholic beverage.
 - 39 Small house.
 - 40 Relates.
 - 42 Go astray.
 - 44 Slick.
 - 46 Is filled with eager longing.
 - 49 Knot.
 - 50 Three.
 - 51 Possessions.
 - 52 Moist.
 - 58 Stalk.
 - 59 Invest with clothing.
 - 62 Spoken.
 - 63 Mentally sound.
 - 64 Unhesitating dash.
 - 65 Platform.
 - 66 Trusted.
 - 67 Tarried.

- Down
- 1 Bolt.
 - 2 Needy.
 - 3 Remodel.
 - 4 Freed from weeds.
 - 5 Hardy.
 - 6 Pronoun.
 - 7 Rice.
 - 8 Welfare.

- 9 Crippled.
- 10 Missing.
- 12 Weep.
- 14 Staid.
- 17 Tracks.
- 20 Low.
- 22 Cupid.
- 24 Pertaining to a fool.
- 26 Abhor.
- 27 Tense.
- 28 Small islands.
- 30 Prophet.
- 32 Forest.
- 34 Set again.
- 37 Sowed.
- 39 Fondle.
- 40 Canter.
- 41 Song.
- 43 Revolt.
- 45 Glossy paint.
- 47 Burning.
- 48 No one.
- 52 Heavenly orb.
- 53 Grief.
- 54 Friend.
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- 61 Step.

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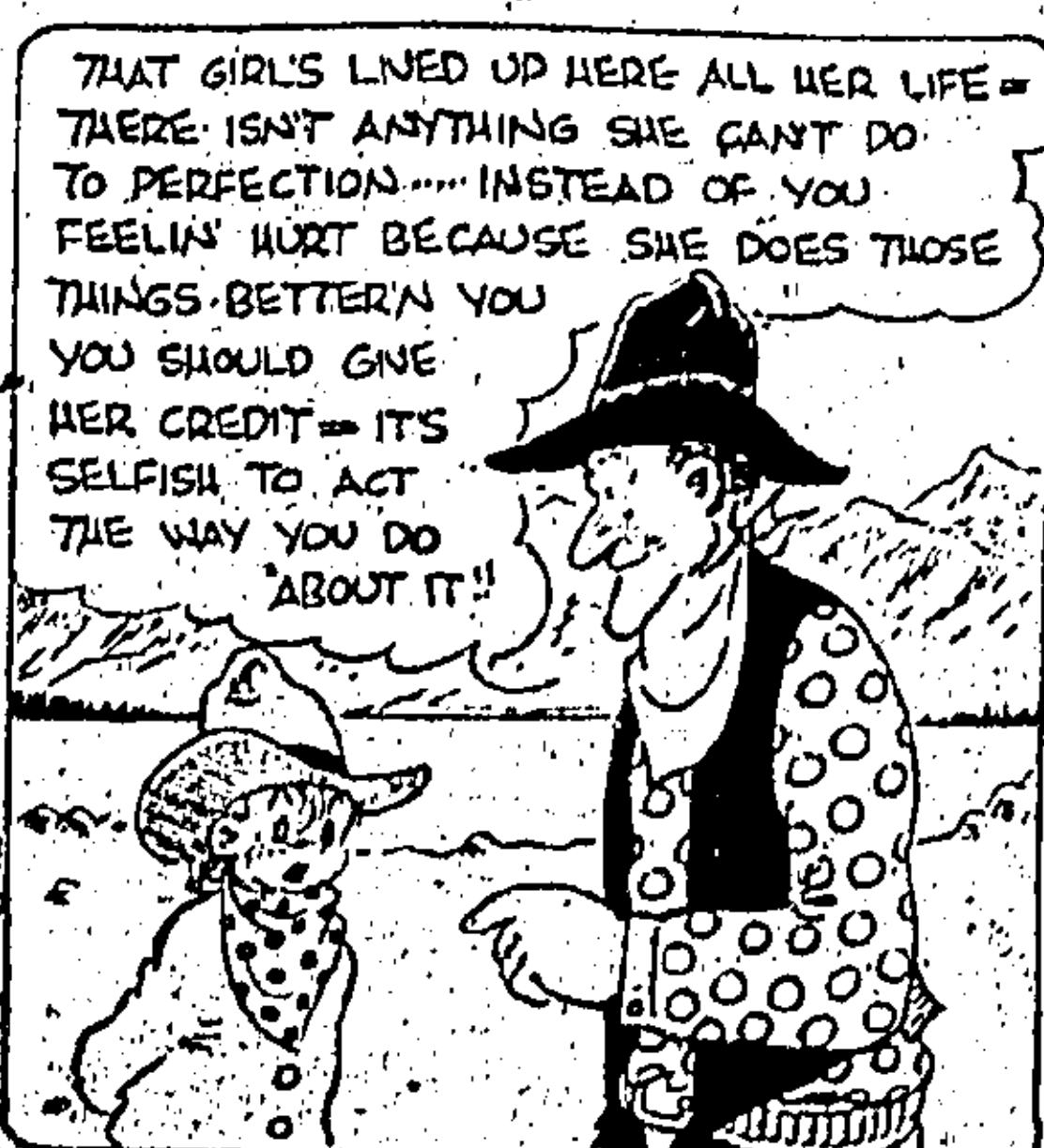
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THE POLITICAL
OUTLOOK.

It would be as surprising as it would be dramatic if the Government were defeated on the Coal Mines Bill, which is now being debated in Parliament. There are doubtless those who hope and others who fear, according to their political leanings, for the overthrow of the MacDonald Administration on this issue, but the likelihood seems to be that the situation will be saved by concessions to the opponents of the measure. As we observed on a previous occasion, when commenting on this Bill, the strength of the Government's position lies in the fact that the two Opposition parties are not at one in their objections to the measure—the Conservatives oppose it from one angle and the Liberals from another; whilst, above all, the latter find so much in it that they can support that they may be expected to refrain from joining in a motion which was tantamount to rejection. The Conservative tactics, of so framing their amendment as to give the Liberals a chance of joining them in the lobbies, were a trifle too crude to be effective.

The defeat of the Government would easily precipitate a serious political crisis at the present juncture. As the issue is a major one in domestic politics, it is to be presumed that Labour would take a reverse as sufficient justification for a Dissolution and a fresh appeal to the country. What the Opposition can hope to obtain by effecting this result just now, we cannot see. The Conservatives, of course, would naturally expect support for their attitude from those who usually vote for that party, but Liberal opinion would obviously be divided. In any event, the issue is not one that could be expected to lose, the Government many votes; indeed, it is conceivable that an election fought on this as the major question would result in the masses coming forward in even larger numbers than at the last election in support of Labour. It is true that on some other issues the Government has annoyed its critics by its policies, but we know of nothing in its record that would be likely to cause any large switching over of votes. Possibly the Conservatives, and

the Liberals also, would hope for some success by laying emphasis on the probability of increased taxation in the near future, but here, again, until Mr. Snowden's Budget is actually produced they cannot hope to foretell his intentions in this regard. We do know, at any rate, that Labour does not favour taxation of food, a circumstance which would relieve the working classes of any fear of impositions under this heading.

The unbiased observer, who is not swayed violently by party feelings one way or the other, will, we imagine, agree that the Labour Government has not yet been in office for a sufficiently long period to deserve either undue praise or condemnation. It has approached some issues in a thoroughly statesmanlike manner, others with a somewhat prejudiced outlook. Obviously, in a mere matter of six months its policies cannot come to fruition. For these reasons, nothing could be gained by taking the first opportunity, even if one presented itself, to eject the Government from office. There are far greater considerations than party triumphs to be taken into account. What the Old Country needs is what the whole world needs—a period of peace and quietude, an absence of crises of any kind: an opportunity to build up and to progress. That is why another General Election just now would be most undesirable, because it would once again throw national and international problems into the melting-pot and cause so much that is being attempted to be begun all over again.

Civil Aviation in Hongkong.

Mr. R. Vaughan Fowler's ambitions for the development of aviation in the Colony are at last crystallising into practical shape, and the first of the objects of his pioneering, the formation of a Flying Club, is likely to be attained this week. A meeting is to be held at the City Hall on Friday for this express purpose, and backed by the active patronage of His Excellency the Governor, and the Government's special grant of \$50,000 for the scheme, the result may be regarded as a foregone conclusion. Of course, official support of the project is the least important if the Flying Club is to become a live organisation. The Club must have members, particularly flying members, in fair number if it is to make the progress which is desired and desirable. A muster of enthusiasts at Friday's meeting will be much more encouraging to the promoters than a large meeting merely interested in a casual way in what is being said. As a matter of fact, we do not anticipate any real difficulty. Already the list of would-be members and budding pilots is gratifyingly large and no doubt a great many more will enrol when the Club gets well under way. The pioneering work of Mr. Vaughan Fowler, who has addressed meeting after meeting on his pet subject, has had, we believe, excellent results. While it cannot yet be said factually that Hongkong is by any means air-minded, this is largely because the Colony is so far behind the rest of the world in the development of air-craft facilities. The next thing, which must come very soon, will be the inauguration of air mail services between Hongkong and all the important centres of China within a radius of 600 or 700 miles, linking up perhaps, with China's own services, going farther afield. The prospects in this direction are excellent, and await only the establishment of the necessary facilities in China.

London, Dec. 17:

The airship R100, after her six hours' maiden flight yesterday, left her mooring mast at Cardington this morning, and after circling over Bedford set her course for London.

The impressions of experts on board yesterday were most favourable. Naturally the engines were not run at full power on the first flight, but the speed she obtained and her response to the controls gave great satisfaction. The crew and passengers numbered sixty.—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

NOTHING IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN A FRIEND WITHOUT DISCRETION; EVEN A PRUDENT ENEMY IS PREFERABLE.—La Fontaine.

"Wanderers in Fairyland" is the title of a very charming home study appearing on the calendars of The Pharmacy.

Passengers due here on Saturday by the s.s. Hakusan Maru include Mrs. de Biero and Miss E.M. de Biero, Mr. H. L. Denny, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Easterbrook, and the Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Rogers.

In connexion with our report of the bazaar held by the Diocesan Girls' School on Saturday last, the names of Miss Allen, Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Baldwin should have been mentioned among those who helped.

Sixteen Chinese were each fined \$2 by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for gambling at 200, Portland Street, while one man had his bail of \$3 forfeited. Two keepers were each fined \$25.

A welcome visitor to Shanghai is Mr. Archie David, who has been living in England for the past five years. He was for some time a prominent figure in the Shanghai racing world, both as owner and jockey, riding under the name "Mr. Knoll."

With one previous conviction against him for larceny, a Chinese who pleaded guilty before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning to the theft of a pair of trousers from outside a shed in Nathan Road, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

An aged woman who appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of hawking without a licence was cautioned and recommended for a free licence, the fee for which was to be paid out of the Poor Box. It was stated that the woman was nearly blind and almost deaf.

Charges of receiving and harbouring and of enticing a 12-year-old girl away from her parents were brought against a Chinese living at 12, Causeway Bay Road, before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. On the application of Detective Fowle, the case was fixed for hearing on Saturday morning.

Commissioned Gunner (Torpedo) James Pennam, and Commissioned Shipwright Patrick Mahoney have both been appointed to the Rosyth depot ship Greenwich. The former was appointed in March 1926 to H.M.S. Somme, of the Eighth Destroyer Flotilla, then in reserve at Port Edgar, and remained in her when she proceeded to the China Station in January 1927. The latter last served afloat in the battleship Malaya in the Mediterranean.

The weekly return of the Medical Officer of Health shows that no less than 36 cases of small-pox were reported for the seven days ending Saturday last. All these occurred on the island. In addition, there were three cases of diphtheria and one of typhoid fever. All were Chinese. There were 33 deaths from small-pox and two from diphtheria. Tuberculosis claimed 53 victims, malaria 13 and influenza one.

A Chinese who was returning to his native country after 20 years in America was discovered landing from a sampan on the Praya yesterday with a box, in the false bottom of which he had a Winchester rifle and several rounds of ammunition. Mr. Leo d'Almada, senr., appeared on his behalf before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning and pleaded guilty to a technical offence. Defendant was fined \$200, or three months, and the arms were ordered to be confiscated.

WALKS INTO HANDS OF
POLICE.CAT BURGLAR CAUGHT IN
KOWLOON.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning had before him a Chinese charged by Inspector James with stealing clothing from an unnumbered house in Fuk Cheun Street.

The defendant pleaded guilty. It was stated by Inspector James that the defendant was seen to throw the clothes down from the first floor of the house. He then climbed down the water pipe into the arms of a police constable, who was waiting his descent in the street.

The officer intimated that the theft was a very near approach to burglary. The defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

HONGKONG CLUB
THEFTS.COOLIE SENT TO GAOL FOR
THREE MONTHS.

Systematic thieving of clothes by a coolie employed at the Hongkong Club was revealed to-day at the Central Magistracy, when a Chinese was before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham, charged with stealing different articles of clothing.

Detective Sergeant Kennedy said the defendant was employed as a coolie at the Hongkong Club, his wages being \$18 per month. He had been there a few months. Recently a sum of \$2 placed in the cash box, was later found to be missing.

The staff head clerk made enquiries and suspected defendant, with the result that he was called upon to resign.

On December 16 after he had received his wages, the man went into rooms occupied by the servants and stole anything he could lay his hands on, including the clothing mentioned in the charges. Enquiries were proceeded with and subsequently accused was arrested in Connaught Road opposite the Western Market, when he had several pieces of clothing in his hands. He was taken to the police station, and several pawn tickets were found in his possession relating to articles of clothing with which he had, from time to time, been entrusted to wash, but which he had in fact stolen and pawned. No report of these losses were made to the police at the time, but since the man's arrest, the whole of the clothing had been recovered, its total value being about \$100.

Accused was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

OVERCOAT THEFT.

LAD CAUGHT AT A
PAWNBROKER'S.

A Chinese lad aged 15, appeared before Mr. Grantham at the Central Magistracy this morning on four counts of larceny of clothing. He was ordered 12 strokes of the cane.

Detective Sergeant Moltram said that about 6 p.m. on Monday, a detective on patrol in Queen's Road saw the defendant get out of a rickshaw, with an overcoat in his arm, and walk into a pawnbroker's shop. The detective followed and arrested the lad there, took him to the police station, where he made several forms of confession relating to the recovery of the stuff.

The lad had pawned the overcoat, which was a new one, for \$4.50, and the police asked the pawnbroker why he did not question the lad as to how he came to possess it.

Mr. Grantham (to the pawnbroker):—Didn't you suspect a lad like this having a new overcoat?

The pawnbroker replied that the defendant came to him and said that the overcoat belonged to his brother, and he was pawning it on his behalf.

The lad was stated to have come from Macao. He had been in Hongkong only a week. The magistrate ordered 12 strokes and said the coat must be returned to its owner without compensation.

PRINTING MACHINES.

TWO MEN CHARGED WITH
LACK OF LICENSE.

In a case before Mr. Grantham at the Central Police Court this morning, two men were charged with lacking licenses in respect of two small printing machines.

Close inspection of the apparatus in question showed that they were of the type used in printing visiting cards, and it was further explained that they belonged to men who at this time of the year are seen in great number in the streets doing a business out of the custom of the Chinese in exchanging name cards on the occasion of the Chinese New Year. They have their pitches on the pavements.

Reference was made by Detective Sergeant O'Donovan to the objects and reasons of the New Ordinance regulating the smaller section of the native Press.

His Worship said he did not propose to inflict a fine in the present case, viewing that a caution was sufficient at this stage. He enjoined the two defendants to tell their friends of the views of the authorities on the matter and to urge upon them the necessity of taking out licenses.

Among passengers leaving on the Changte yesterday were Colonel and Mrs. D. E. Evans, Lieut. W. H. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dixon, Capt. G. H. Wilkins and Capt. J. H. Haughton.

The Very Idea!

The arrival of the first man-eating tiger at the Zoo (says a London paper) recalls an amusing incident that occurred in the days when leopards were housed in the Lion House. A huge crowd waited one afternoon in front of a leopard which, despite every encouragement, displayed the utmost indifference. "Nothing would induce the beast to lift so much as the tip of his tail. At last a little coloured boy approached the bars. The result was magical. The leopard instantly roused, shook himself and, moving restlessly backwards and forwards, began to lick his lips in keen anticipation. Such embarrassing attentions did he pay to the little boy that the latter hastened to move elsewhere.

"And so Molly Marshall is married at last! Who is the happy man?"

"Her father."

Shoreditch landlady, of her woman lodger—She can drink, smoke, and swear like a man, and yet she can be a lady.

Manadelf wife—My husband put sugar down my back, and I threw sugar in his face. A soldier—A sugar-love battle.

An Army certificate held by a man accused at Tottenham stated that he was a good soldier, "but a little too fond of 'grousing'."

Mr. Benard Campion, Magistrate at Marylebone—No man ought to be in a temper at 72 years of age. My temper has gone, and I am not 60 yet.

The traffic in Piccadilly-circus was being held up by a tiny motor-car that had stopped in the middle of the road and refused to restart. Over its bonnet bent its owner, furiously but vainly "winding her up."

"Hi, guv'nor," called out a motor-bus driver, "why don't you buy one of those eight-day ones?"

"Please excuse my glove," said the punctiliously polite man as he shook hands.

"Certainly," said his friend, "mine are nearly as bad."

"Can you get Toulouse on your wireless?"

"Yes, but sometimes it takes 'too long'."

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 17.
Paris	123.94
Brussels	34.865
Amsterdam	12.094
Berlin	20.886
Copenhagen	16.488
Vienna	194.75
Helsingfors	148.25
Lisbon	618
Bucharest	16.88
Buenos Aires	461.16
Shanghai	2.24
Yokohama	2.08/32
New York	4.885/32
Geneva	25.095
Milan	93.24
Stockholm	18.095
Oslo	18.205
Prague	36.44
Madrid	35.20
Siena	37.5
Rio	5.9/16
Bombay	1/5 29/32
Hong Kong	1/84
Silver (Spot)	22 1/2
Silver (Forward)	22 7/16

—British Wireless.

WHO WAS.....
MOGLI?

He was a little Indian boy, found in infancy by Mother Wolf and brought up by her alongside of four of her own cubs. Needless to say, in such a school there was nothing about hard relentless jungle law which Mogli did not learn; for besides his foster mother, there was Baloo the bear only too willing to be his tutor; and Bagheera the black panther, and many another hard bitter philosopher of the wild beast kingdom.

Most of the beasts were Mogli's friends, but he had one constant enemy, Shere Kan, who plotted against the little fellow's life and would certainly have succeeded but for the lad's superior resourcefulness. Nevertheless, Shere Kan succeeded in driving Mogli out of the jungle and back to his own folk, and in course of time the boy became a village herdsman, and in that capacity was able to kill his old time enemy where he came within the confines of the village in search of plunder.

When Mogli married, his child was one day discovered playing with a wolf.

It is said that children in real life have been taken away and brought up by wolves, but it is doubtful whether any of the stories are true.

Mogli was the hero of Kipling's "The Jungle Book."

**ROBBERY TRIAL
QUERIES.****NO ENQUIRY INTO SHOT
MAN'S DEATH.****HEAVY SENTENCES.**

The death of a Chinese who was shot by a Chinese police constable in Dundas Street in the early morning of October 6, when running away from a house which had been visited by robbers, was commented on in the Supreme Court this morning when the Criminal Sessions were commenced before the Pui Sane Judge (Mr. Justice Wood). The man was wounded and later died at the Kowloon Hospital.

His Lordship asked if there had been any enquiry with regard to the man's death, and Mr. Somerset Fitzroy applied there had been no enquiry, adding that he understood it was being held up until the apprehended man had been tried. He commented that he could not see any reason why an enquiry should be held up.

His Lordship remarked that it seemed to him a very proper case for an enquiry.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy agreed, saying he thought there should have been an enquiry at once.

Four Men Charged.

The above remarks were made during the trial of Tong Ming, Tong Leung, Mak Kwan and Tong Sain, who were charged with committing a robbery at No. 863, Canton Road, together with others unknown, and with robbing Chan Sz of a pair of bangles, in the early morning of October 6.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy prosecuted for the Crown, and accused were defended.

When charged, the first accused admitted the offence. The second man said: "I did only stealing, but not the robbery." The third man said: "I went there only to steal." and the fourth man stated: "I went there to steal."

His Lordship decided to enter pleas of "not guilty" and to hear the evidence.

Li King was later discharged. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy offering no evidence against him.

Story of Robbery.

In outlining the facts, prosecuting counsel said that a cockloft was occupied by Wong Kam, the principal tenant, his wife and concubine (Chan Sz) while a downstairs cubicle was rented by another man and his wife. There was also a foki on the premises. Wong Kam would say that he bolted the front and back doors himself after a visit by a night-soil cooler, but at about 4.30 a.m. robbers appeared on the scene, one of whom took his concubine's bangles. There was little light and consequently it was difficult to identify anybody. A man named Hon Sing, in the cubicle below, appeared to have been disturbed and blew a whistle, whereupon the robbers ran away.

As it happened, a Chinese police constable was near the house on his beat and heard the whistle. He ran in the direction from which the sound came and arrived just in time to see three men running out of the doorway. They refused to stop when called upon to do so, with the result that the constable gave chase and fired all six shots of his revolver. "One shot" took effect and wounded a man who died later at the Kowloon Hospital. The other two men got away.

Others Arrested.

When Inspector Fallon and an interpreter later visited the hospital to interview the wounded man, they noticed three men in the vicinity of the hospital whose actions aroused suspicion. They were taken to the Police Station for enquiries, which resulted in their being charged. Those men were the first, second and third accused. The fourth man was arrested on October 9 and the fifth was arrested on the evening of the same day on which the crime was committed.

The police visited a *man cheuk* house, kept by the man now dead, where the bangles were handed over by a man there, being concealed in a shoe. That man was charged with receiving, but was discharged by the Magistrate.

Delay in Trial.

His Lordship pointed out that apparently accused were held from October 9 until November 22 before any evidence was offered against them. He asked for the reason for delay.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy replied that he was told that the Crown was prepared to offer evidence because they had all the evidence that they were likely to get. It seemed, however, to be due entirely to the Magistrate having many cases to deal with and being unable to find time for the initial hearing. It was very unfortunate that people were kept waiting occasionally.

His Lordship said he was not sug-

**LOCAL ARTISTS'
DISPLAY.****FEATURES OF THE ART CLUB
EXHIBITION.****EFFECTIVE PICTURES.**

The 1929 exhibition of the Hongkong Art Club includes many extremely good works amongst the large number of exhibits.

A large and beautiful work in oils, "Sunshine and Shadow" by Mr. William Noise, sets a standard for the remainder of the exhibits. This work is outstanding, but the others' judged comparatively on this picture, do not lose in the process.

Commander R. D. Binney, R.N., is the largest exhibitor, and many of his pictures are distinctly good. It is rather to be regretted, however, that his pictures, Hongkong Harbour from the Hongkong Club, below the standard set by his other works. Commander Binney has taken a wide range of subjects and has done justice to the majority of them. He set himself a difficult task when he commenced the picture "After the Water Shortage," which displayed the legs and upper part of a man's body lying in a vertical position in a bath, and it is to be feared that the result is not what was anticipated. In another picture, "A Combined Effort," Commander Binney's perspective is not too good.

Lt. Colonel Christian has scored with several delightfully-executed water colours of Hongkong scenes. In all his pictures a delicate and artistic hand can be traced.

Worthy of mention are some of Mr. J. H. Hunt's works, both water colours and black and white designs. It is as a designer that we know Mr. Hunt best, yet nevertheless his "Evening in Hongkong" is a most attractive water colour.

In another view, Old Kowloon City, abundant evidence of his ability as a designer and artist combined is to be found.

The Very Rev. Dean Swann has contributed an attractive series of pastels, pencil, and pen and ink sketches to the exhibition, while Mrs. Koop, wife of the Rev. F. V. Koop, has sent in several portraits, including one of the Dean.

The latter works while showing the artist's ability to reproduce features, are lacking somewhat in finish.

Mrs. J. C. Knight Anstey exhibits a number of most attractive works, pleasing to the eye and well executed. Other exhibitors are: Mr. A. Abbas, Mrs. Asche, Mr. G. W. Arnold, Lieut. R. Breh, Mr. G. H. Bond, Mrs. Bowes-Smith, Mrs. C. B. Brown, Capt. D. R. M. Cameron, Miss Maud Crawford, Mrs. Danby, Miss W. I. Griffin, Mrs. D. S. Gubbay, Miss H. Harry, Mr. Geo. P. Heney, Mr. S. D. Iggleston, Miss P. L. Murfay, Mr. M. O. Pfister, Mrs. H. K. Prosser, Miss Riley, Mrs. Hampden Ross, Mrs. R. Robertson, Mrs. W. E. L. Shenton, Mrs. Wyatt and Mr. G. Van Wylick.

**TREE-CUTTING FEE
PAID.****POLICE WITHDRAW CASE
AT KOWLOON.**

On the re-appearance of a Chinese before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, on a charge of being in possession of 51 cuttings of pine trees on the Sai Kung Road, reasonably suspected of having been cut from the Government Plantation, the prosecution applied for permission to withdraw the charge.

The defendant yesterday produced a permit which was stated to be out of date, but he intimated that the fee for the current year had already been paid to the Government for the right to cut trees from a certain forestry area. At the request of his Worship, the police made enquiries from the District Officer and ascertained that the licence fee had been paid.

Sergeant Groves intimated that the defendant should have known it had been paid, as he had subscribed towards the sum.

His Worship remarked that he evidently did know, as he had claimed yesterday that a sum of \$30 had been paid to the Government.

The defendant was discharged.

gesting that the officers of the Crown were responsible for the delay.

After the case for the prosecution had closed, each of the accused made a statement in which he denied complicity in the outrage. The accused men admitted that they had visited the house for purposes of robbery, but stated they found a fight going on when they arrived and in which they took no part.

Following his Lordship's brief summing-up, the jury found all four accused guilty, without leaving the box.

Sentence of three years' hard labour and 20 strokes of the "cat" was passed on each of the accused.

**MAH-JONGG GAME
INTERRUPTED.****ARMED MEN TAKE MONEY
FROM FIG DEALER.****FRIEND ROBBED, TOO.**

How a mah-jongg party, held in a house at Ngai Tong Kok village, on the mainland, was interrupted by the sudden appearance of a gang of armed men is related in an official report of a robbery, which occurred yesterday morning.

Man Cheuk, the son of a pig-dealer, who was given \$100 by his father with which to buy pigs, said he started out from Taihang village, in the morning. Before proceeding to Wong Lang Tau village, he was joined at Tai Po New Market by a friend. Pigs appeared to be scarce that day, and, after visiting two or three other places, without being able to make any purchase, they at length came to the village of Ngai Tong Kok. There, thinking of combining pleasure with business, they consented to sit down for a game of mah-jongg in a grocer's shop.

The game was well in progress when sudden interruption was caused by the appearance of five men, brandishing choppers as they came in. The first remark addressed to Man Cheuk was brief and to the point. "Where is the money given you to buy pigs with?" they asked. As the unfortunate son of the pig-dealer hesitated, he was struck with a stick. Thereupon, he handed over the hundred dollars and saw his friend likewise being compelled to part with another sum, stated to amount to \$50. Satisfied, the robbers left and troubled them no further.

The police have received a report of the affair, and investigation is being carried out.

**HAN FU-CHU TURNS
PEACEMAKER.****REPORTED SETTLEMENT OF
KUOMINCHUN REVOLT.****AN OFFER TO NANKING.**

Shanghai, Dec. 17.

A distinct improvement in the military situation in North China pointing to an early settlement of the dispute between the Kuominchun and Nanking is reported.

The movement of Kuominchun troops has practically ceased.

It is understood that on the 13th instant an important military conference was held at Haichowfu, between Generals Shih Yu-san, Ma Hung-kwei and Han Fu-chu.

At this conference, General Han Fu-chu is said to have suggested that the other Kuominchun leaders should immediately cease war activities on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway while he mediated with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek at Nanking for the surrender of all the Kuominchun forces.

Pending a settlement with Nanking, General Han Fu-chu will concentrate his troops at Tsochow, while the thousands of men under Shih Yu-san will remain at Pang-fow.

News of the "peace" conference at Haichow has done much to reassure the populace in North China.



It was one of the most colourful debuts of the season, the decorations were . . .

**STOLE WOOLLEN
BLANKET.****REVENUE OFFICER CHARGES
A CHINESE.****PRISON SENTENCE.**

Revenue Officer Tengrove, residing at No. 242, Nathan Road, appeared as the complainant before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, in a case in which a Chinese was charged with stealing a woollen blanket from the roof where it had been hanging out to dry.

The defendant pleaded guilty. Inspector Marks said the complainant had given the amah two blankets to dry and shortly after she had put them on the line on the roof, the servant found one of them to be missing. She saw the defendant at the top of the staircase in the act of folding the blanket, and raised the alarm. The defendant dropped the blanket and ran downstairs.

The servant rushed into the street and gave the alarm. A watchman later made a search for the defendant and found him hiding at the bottom of the stairs. The defendant, who had one previous conviction for a similar offence, was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

**WONDERFUL PEARL
EXHIBITION.****OPPORTUNITY TO GET
XMAS PRESENTS.**

At Messrs. Komor and Komor's, the exhibition of Kodaka's culture pearls, now on view, gives a fine idea of what can be done with these jewels. The mountings in platinum, white gold or gold, set these gems up and bring out all their lustre.

There are some tastefully mounted brooches, ear-rings, scarf pins, etc., whilst the wonderful necklaces are a joy to look at and a still greater joy to own. The exhibition provides a wonderful opportunity of securing effective Christmas presents, as pins, brooches, or rings can be secured from about \$15 upwards, whilst necklaces are available from \$150. The exhibition is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, for one week only.

**PRISON WITHOUT
OPTION.****THEFT OF IRON FROM
CONTRACTOR.**

Sentence of one month's hard labour, without the option of a fine, was imposed on a Chinese who pleaded guilty before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, to a charge of larceny of six pieces of iron from a contractor's shed in Prince Edward Road.

It was stated that the complainant reported the loss of several other iron bars on the same night, although only six were recovered, while some days previously a report had been made of the loss of iron to the value of over \$100.

In passing sentence, his Worship remarked that it was not the same as the usual thefts of iron bars from contractor's sheds.

**MASKED ROBBERS
IN KOWLOON.****CARPENTER THREATENED
WITH DAGGERS.****SMALL HAUL MADE.**

An armed robbery by men who apparently feared that they would be recognised, and, in consequence, had their faces masked, has been reported to the police as occurring in a contractor's match in Prince Albert Road, Kowloon, yesterday morning.

The victim is a carpenter, named Lo King, who has his sleeping quarters in the Tai Look contractor's match, situated in an isolated spot on the mainland. At about 3.30 in the morning, it seems, he was roused from a sleep by two men standing over him with daggers in their hands. He was induced to part with all the money he had on him, amounting to \$3.30, but was not further interfered with.

Upon the departure of the robbers, however, it was found that a further sum of \$3 had been stolen from a drawer, this belonging to the firm.

It was noted that as the two men left the hut, they were joined by two others who appeared to have been keeping a watch while their companions were inside.

The police have the matter in hand.

**KEMAL'S GIFTS TO
KARAKHAN.****TOKENS OF ESTEEM ON PACT
SIGNATURE.****INTERESTING TREATY.**

Constantinople, Dec. 17.

On the occasion of the signature of the Protocol of the Pact of Friendship between Soviet Russia and Turkey to-day, Mustafa Kemal Pasha, the President, presented M. Karakhan, the Soviet envoy, with a number of gifts as a mark of friendly esteem.

The Pact thus renewed was originally concluded in 1925 at Paris when the fate of Mosul was being debated at the Lausanne Conference. It was due to expire in February of next year.

The notable features of the Pact are that it provides for neutrality in the event of military action against the other party to the agreement, for non-participation in any political, military, naval or economic coalition against the other party, and complete freedom of action in the neutral relations with other Powers insofar as they do not conflict with the specified undertakings.

It is learned that M. Karakhan, who is the acting Commissar for Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Government, will spend two days in Constantinople before returning to Moscow on the 19th instant.—*Reuter.*

**STOLE SPOON AND
FORK.****COOLIE'S THEFT FROM THE
MILITARY.**

During a search, following his discharge from the camp, a coolie who had been formerly employed by the military authorities on Stonecutters Island, was found to have stolen a table spoon and fork, the property of the N.A.A.F.I.

The man was accordingly taken before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, and, on admitting the offence, was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour.

Detective Sergeant Kellett said the defendant had been employed by the military authorities for three and a half months, and yesterday morning was discharged as being unsatisfactory. He was searched in the ordinary way before leaving the island, and the spoon and fork were found among his belongings.

It was added that the defendant was discharged for disobedience.

FANLING GOLF.**THE ADAMSON CUP
COMPETITION.**

For the Adamson Cup, December competition, F. E. Booker qualified with a score of 62 (78-16). Other scores were:

E. M. Hanlon	80-18=68
A. E. Charman	88-20=68
A. Brooksbank	88-18=70
S. E. Edgar	99-22=77
J. H. Gelling	102-24=78

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SHIPPING RIGHTS.**CHINA PLANNING TO
TAKE OVER.**

Nanking, Dec. 17.

At this morning's meeting of the Administrative Yuan, a proposal was introduced advocating re-

trocession of China's inland and coastal navigation rights.

The proposal was adopted, the plan being to take over within the next year the foreign steamship companies operating in China waters.—*Reuter.*

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AIR CRASH IN BRAZIL.



Above are M. Challe (left) and Col. Larre Borges, who crashed near Maracana yesterday after flying the South Atlantic Ocean. M. Challe was slightly injured.

LAWN TENNIS.

THE H.K.C.C. ANNUAL TOURNAMENT.

The entries for the H.K.C.C. annual tennis tournament, which is to commence on February 10th next, close on January 18th.

There are two open events, these being the Men's Championship Singles and the Men's Doubles Championship. The entrance fees for these events are \$3 per player.

In addition, there are the following events open to members and subscribers of the Club: Club Championship, Handicap Singles "A", Handicap Singles "B", Handicap Doubles, and Mixed Handicap Doubles.

LOCAL CRICKET.

COMBINED LEAGUE AGAINST VOLUNTEERS.

The following have been chosen to represent the above teams on Sunday, the 22nd inst., on the Club de Recreio ground at 11 a.m.:

The Combined League:—W. Brace (Capt.), Sp. Ldr. Bounphrey, E. F. Fincher, F. Goodwin, S. R. Kerman, A. H. Madar, Lt. Maxwell, U. M. Omar, Capt. J. R. Reynolds, A. A. Rumjahn and Lt. Stephenson.

The Hongkong Volunteers:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), A. G. I. Bowker, C. E. R. Dwyer, E. C. Fincher, J. R. Hinton, W. C. Hung, D. R. Kelly, O. Moor, A. Reid, J. E. Richardson and F. I. Zimmer.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

The following will represent The Hongkong Hockey Club "A" team against the Club de Recreio at King's Park on Friday the 20th: December, at 5 p.m.:—C. E. Moore, J. E. Henry, G. Rankin (Captain), R. D. Beaumont, A. Dale, N. B. Lisander, S. J. Fox, L. G. Frost, D. Hazell, R. W. Sapsed, A. N. Other.

Noel Handicap.—Montana (171), Ace of Spades (168), Erin's Isle (166), Target (168), Social Mark (166), The Plannigan (163), Fire Call (160), Fernleaf (148), As You Like It (140), Blotting Paper (140), Caviare (140), Duke of Wellington (140), Panling Stag (140), Movannagher (140), Sheila (140).

Winter Maidens.—Amusement Tax (152), Aristophanes (153), Bingo (150), Brown Eve (153), Buster (153), Christmas Frolic (153), Diana (153), Erasthille (155), Huntington (150), Joek (150), Lightning (101), Sen Hawk (150), Sheila (150), Siang River Hawk (150), Social Mark (150), Suere (153), Sunluch (150), Two Clubs (153).

SHARE PRICES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1315 ss.
Chartered Bank, \$184 n.
Mercantile A. & B., \$304 n.
East Asia \$95 b.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$695 n.
Union Ins., \$357 b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$2 n.
China Fire, \$310 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$815 n.

Shipping.
Douglas, \$254 n.
H. K. Steamboat, \$273 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$2 s.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$70 n.
Union Waterboats \$22 n.

Mining.
Benguet, \$470 b.
Kallans, 69/- n.
Langkots, Tls. 13.60 n.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n.
Raubs, \$11.20 n.
Tromps, 21/- b.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$145 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$322 b.
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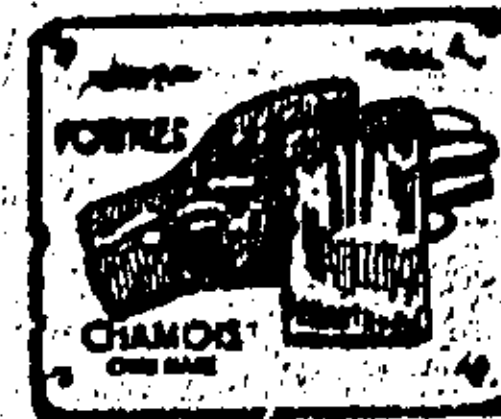
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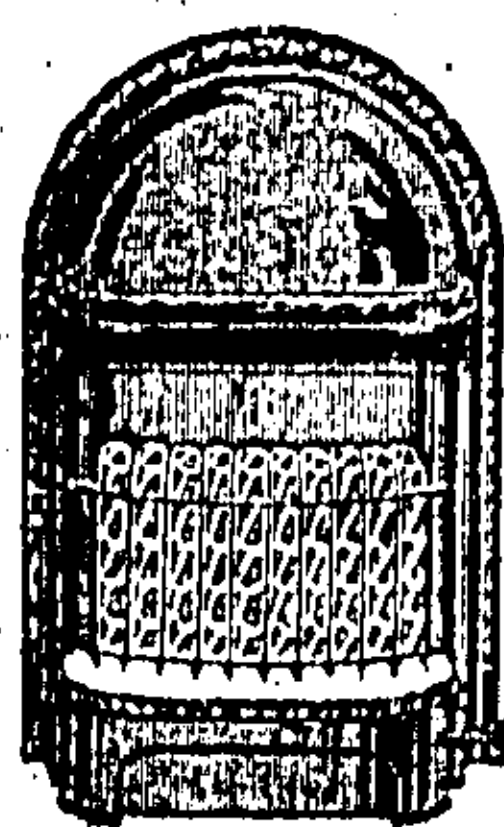
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St. Joseph's College—No. 126, G. A. Gordon (Dist. Mathematics & Higher Mathematics); No. 134, Raymond Lin Chih Kwang (Dist. Mathematics); No. 137, J. F. dos Remedios.

King's College—No. 150, Lau Tak Cheuk; No. 162, Wai Po Chang (Dist. Mathematics & Mechanics).
Italian Convent—No. 344, Katherine Lai Po Kan.
Private Study—No. 489 A. J. de C. Basto (Dist. French).

Matriculation Pass List.

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Wah Yan College—Nos. 61, Au Young Sook Wang; 63, Fung Kwok Wa; 67, Khamsen Pangseriyongae; 71, Lau Chak Sang; 72, Lau Hoo Cho; 73, Leung Hon Yung; 74, Leung Tin Sun (Dist. Mathematics); 82, To Chai Wo; 91, Young Yu Lam (Dist. Mathematics & Mechanics).

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"New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra." "English Medley, one step." (arr. Debroy Somers).

"Sea Songs Medley, one step." (arr. Debroy Somers Band).

"The Five O'Clock Girl—Up in the clouds." (Layton and Johnstone).

"Wiener Blut, Waltz." (Johann Strauss—Op. 354).

"Rose of the South, Waltz." (Johann Strauss—Op. 388).

Johann Strauss and Symphony Orch. "Cavalera." (Monti).

"Madrigale." (Simonetti).

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Wellington, Dec. 17.

The New Zealand Union Steamship Company's steamer Manuka has gone ashore in a fog near Dunedin, and is a total loss.

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393, J. E. Fernandez (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 397, R. E. Fernandez; 398, A. M. Noronha; 399, E. Ribeiro; 401, H. M. da Silva; 402, F. Wong.

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STEAMER AMOK.

JAPANESE SHIP HITS THREE WARSHIPS.

Shanghai, Dec. 17.

A British cruiser, the French flagship, a French destroyer and a Japanese steamer were concerned in a remarkable accident in the Whangpoo this afternoon.

H.M.S. Berwick and the French flagship, Waldeck Rousseau were lying off the Bund when the S.A. Yotorofu Maru was steaming up the Whangpoo about one o'clock.

The latter steamer struck the Berwick's bow head, on pushing it against the stem of the cruiser.

As a result of the collision the bows of the Yotorofu Maru were badly holed. The steamer bounced off the bow and, being carried by the tide, crashed into the bows of the Waldeck Rousseau.

The Japanese steamer then dropped her anchors but she was again carried by the strong tide, swung around and sandwiched the French destroyer Marne between herself and the Waldeck Rousseau.

The Marne suffered some damage as a result of the impact.

The Yotorofu Maru still continued to drag her anchors, however, and she narrowly averted a collision with still another steamer. The extent of the damage to the Yotorofu Maru is considerable.—*Reuter*.

The Yotorofu Maru is a steamer of 4,127 tons gross and is owned by the Kobe Shosen K.K. She was built in 1898 by Russell and Co. of Glasgow. H.M.S. Berwick was in Hongkong until recently, leaving here on December 8 for Shanghai, together with two destroyers.

WAR OFFICE POST.

SIR HUGH ELLES TO DIRECT MILITARY TRAINING.

London, Dec. 17.

Major-General Sir Hugh Elles, who was the pioneer in the use of tanks during the war, has been selected for the appointment of Director of Military Training in the War Office, to succeed Major-General Knox, who will vacate the appointment early next summer.—*British Wireless*.

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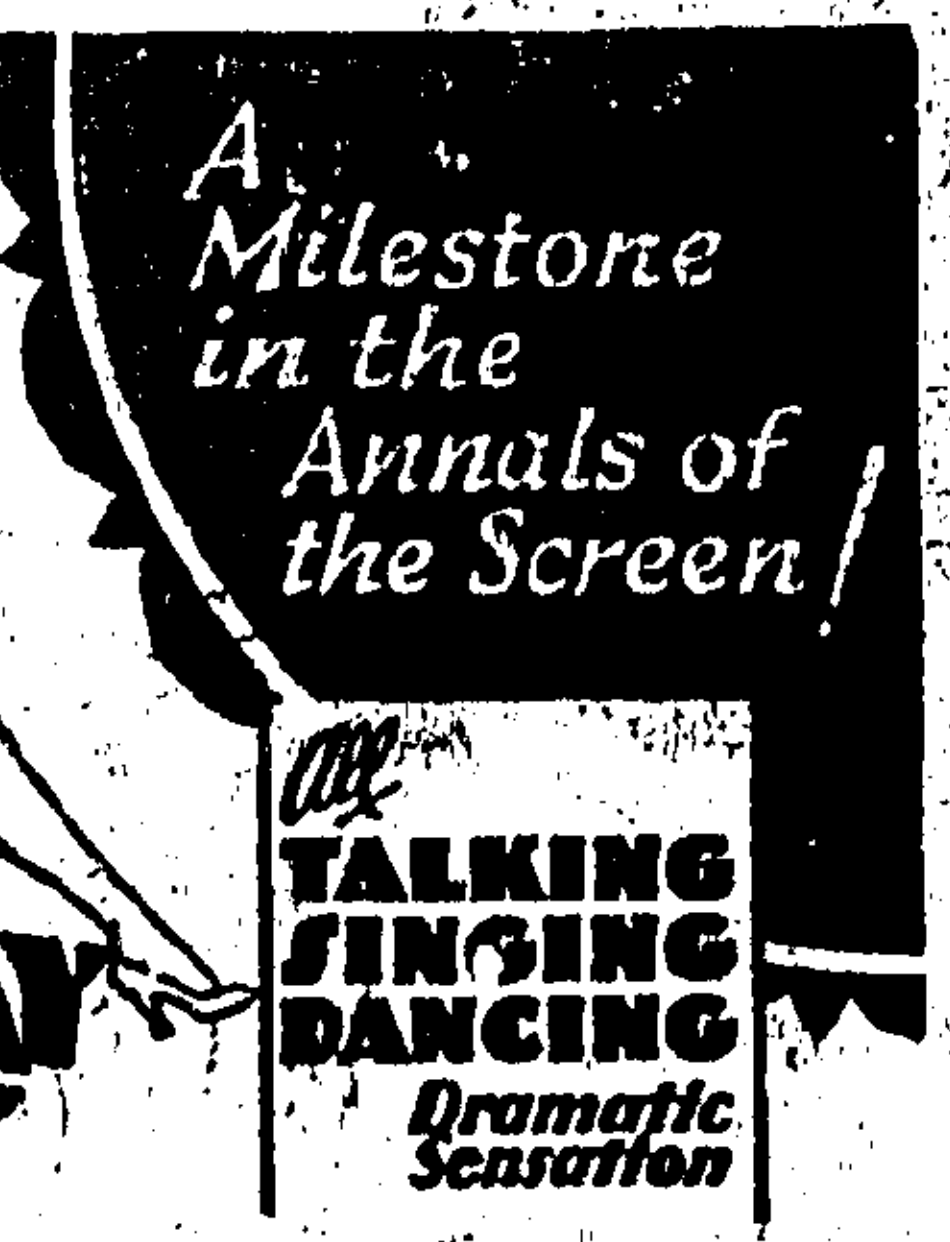
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GARRISON NEWS.

MATCH IN THE R.K. AREA LEAGUE.

The Corps were unfortunate to lose by four goals to two yesterday afternoon, having quite as much of the play as the Somersets, though having to play Minden, who had come down as touch-judge, in the place of Lewis. Team:

"C" Coy, S.L.I.—Love; Berryman, Fothergill; Potter, Maundrell, Roberts; Quirk, Bunce, Bidwell, Guest, Evelt.

R.A.S.C. & R.A.P.C.—Andrews; Carter, Evans; Lt. Courlis, Lyons, Hamer; Cole, Norris, Corbesley, Fry, Minden.

Bidwell opened the scoring for the Somersets almost at once, making practically all the ground himself, and beating both backs and shooting past Andrews.

Far from being disheartened by this reverse, the Corps came back with additional vigour, and Norris, who had been doing some hard work on the wing, was unlucky with a shot that went just wide.

Continuing to press, the Corps got down the field again, where off-side spoiled a chance, and Lyons sent a beauty of a pass to Fry, who was harassed by the backs and had to shoot too quickly, his shot going past the post.

Love had been kept hard at work, but managed to stop all the shots sent to him, until the Corps persistence was rewarded by a good goal from Cole, who scored with a rising shot from a nice pass by Corbesley.

The Somersets replied with a spirited attack, and Bidwell bent Evans, and was making for Andrews, when he was well tackled by Courlis, who managed to clear.

Some rather weak shooting in front of goal prevented the Corps from adding to their score, although they kept the Somersets in their own half for some time. End-to-end play was the order for the remainder of the first half.

After the interval, the Corps got going in good style, intent on further score, and some neat forward-work, after Lyons had passed to Fry, gave Corbesley a chance, and he hurried the ball into the net. The whistle had gone, for off-side, however, the Somersets were not outplayed, and were most likely to score in front of goal. This was the case when Bidwell drew Evans' defence and passed to Evelt, who scored with a shot that bent Andrews all the way.

The Corps strove all they knew for the equalising goal. Cole shot hard, but Love held the ball, though very dangerously near the line in doing so. At the other end, Bidwell led his forwards against the Corps' defence, and gave the latter a busy period.

A shot from Guest stopped by Andrews, and from the clearance the ball was taken to the other goal-mouth, where "hands" gave Cole the opportunity to score with a shot well out of Love's reach. Another shot by the same player was saved right on the post by Love.

"C" Company got away after this, and Evelt made a fine solo run, scoring with a rising shot. Just before the end, Bunce scored again for the Somersets, Andrews being hustled near the line, to be, apparently, pushed over it.

INTERPORT TRIAL.

NAVY BEAT THE SELECTED ELEVEN YESTERDAY.

The Interport trial game yesterday on the Hongkong F.C. ground was very disappointing. Rodger, Wynne, A. V. Gosano, and Butcher were absent from the selected side. For the first half the selected team played ten men only, Wynne was expected to arrive at any minute, but he failed to put in an appearance at any time during the game. The teams turned out as under:

Navy.—Turner; Webb and Ward; Keshy, Evans and Bell; Hassall, Sorbie, Cartwright, Gould and Small.

Selected XI.—Wyatt (Navy); Reeves; Hedley, West and Bliss; B. Gosano, Rocha, Bowley-Bull, Gill and Ward.

There was little to enthuse over during the game. Just before half-time, Hassall sent in a wing shot and Reeves headed into his own goal.

Hynes (H.K.F.C.) came on when the game restarted to complete the team. Small increased the Navy lead and Bowley-Bull scored from a pass by Ward. A long shot by Cartwright was deflected by Reeves well out of Wyatt's reach.

Result.—Navy 3, Selected XI 1.

Further Trial Game.

There will be a further trial game on Saturday next, kick off 4 p.m. The following have been selected to play. The Navy will field a strong side in opposition:

G. Rodger; Wynne and Reeves; Hedley, West and Bliss; B. Gosano, A. V. Gosano, McKelvie, Bowley-Bull, and Butcher.

Reserves.—C. Pile, Davey, Rocha and A. Ward.

To-day's Football.

Hongkong League, Division II. Kick off 2.30 p.m.

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DEATH OF SIR ERNEST BIRCH.

FORMER GOVERNOR OF NORTH BORNEO.

London, Dec. 17. The death has occurred of Sir Ernest Woodford Birch, former Governor of British North Borneo. Sir Ernest Birch was born in 1857, being the eldest son of Mr. J. W. Birch, Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements, who was assassinated in Perak by Malays in 1875. Educated at Harrow, the late Sir Ernest Birch entered the Colonial Office in 1876, and joined the Straits Settlements Government service in 1878. He rose to the rank of British Resident, F.M.S., in 1892, and served in various of the Malay States. He became Governor of British North Borneo in 1900, and in 1904 returned to Perak as British Resident, retiring in 1910. He was knighted (K.C.M.G.) in 1911. He resided at Bexhill-on-Sea, where he was elected Mayor in 1927. He had been associated on the directorates of several companies with Malayan interests.

STEAMER SUNK.

STRIKES A ROCK IN THICK FOG.

Running into a fog after leaving Kowloon at 4 a.m. on December 12 for a place called Liu Chiu, the Portuguese steamer Ka Heng struck a rock near Mandarin's Cap at 1.50 a.m. the next day and was wrecked. Fortunately, the mishap occurred near a small islet and Capt. Cordova, the master of the vessel, the other 40 members of the crew and 11 passengers managed to get to the islet where they passed the night. Later in the day, two fishing boats were sighted. Those marooned succeeded in drawing the attention of the occupants of these boats and were then taken to Yeungking, from where a tow-boat took them to Hongkong on the Charles Harcourt, arriving here at about 11.30 p.m. on Monday.

Interviewed yesterday, Capt. Cordova said there was a very thick fog at the time he was on duty until midnight when the watch was taken over by the Second Officer, Ho Po, who was at the wheel when the vessel struck the rock.

On examination, it was found that the ship was making water very rapidly and it was soon evident that there was no hope of saving the ship. Capt. Cordova then abandoned the vessel and all the 52 persons on the Ka Heng managed to reach the islet nearby.

Although all the human beings were saved, it is believed that the large numbers of pigs and cattle on the vessel were drowned when she sank. Besides the live-stock, there was on board about 300 tons of brown sugar, a large quantity of pea-nut oil, some mats and hemp. The total value of the cargo is assessed at about \$70,000.

With regard to the vessel, Capt. Cordova considered it a total loss. The bow was still above water when he left but he did not think it would be now. The Ka Heng flies the Portuguese flag, but is owned by a Chinese syndicate. She has a net tonnage of 389 tons with a length of 184 feet and has been for some time running between Hongkong and Kowloon.

Capt. Cordova said the vessel was worth about \$50,000, thereby making the total loss about \$120,000. The Hong Kong Steam Navigation Co. are the local agents for the Ka Heng.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT QUESTION.

CHANCELLOR EXPLAINS THE BILL.

London, Dec. 17. In the House of Commons the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Philip Snowden, referred to the finance of the insurance fund to restore the solvency of which was one of the aims of the Unemployment Insurance Bill. The debt in that fund had grown from five million pounds to thirty-seven million in little over five years. But for the Act of two years ago, reducing the contributions to the fund, the debt would have fallen to twenty million pounds. The Government was faced with the alternatives of increased borrowing powers for the fund, or the raising of contributions or handing to the Exchequer the responsibility for keeping the fund solvent. They had decided on the last-named.

The financial proposals in the Bill were very complicated. They would add fourteen million pounds to the Exchequer contribution to the fund. The increased benefits to young persons were a very small additional annual charge on the funds of the scheme—about £370,000. The increased rates for dependents would cost about £1,750,000. But the altered conditions regarding the finance of the fund were responsible for the main financial burden.

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It was much better that one in a thousand should get the benefit, though he did not deserve it, rather than that nine hundred and ninety-nine who deserved it should not get it.—*British Wireless.*

HONGKONG-DALLAS.

BIG CASH PRIZE FOR PACIFIC FLIGHT.

Los Angeles, Dec. 12. Colonel W. E. Easterwood, Junr., the millionaire sportsman of Dallas, Texas, has announced that he has reopened his offer of a prize of \$25,000 for the first aviator to fly from Hongkong to Dallas.

Colonel Easterwood said that he was going to Honolulu to confer with Mr. James Dole, the pineapple grower, upon the subject, and it is expected that Mr. Dole will offer another \$25,000.

Colonel Easterwood remarked that there would not be a race. The first aviator ready would get the chance and if he succeeded no other would need to start.

Major Ting Ling-hung has a plane half completed for the flight. The trip includes stops at Tokyo, Honolulu and the Pacific Coast.

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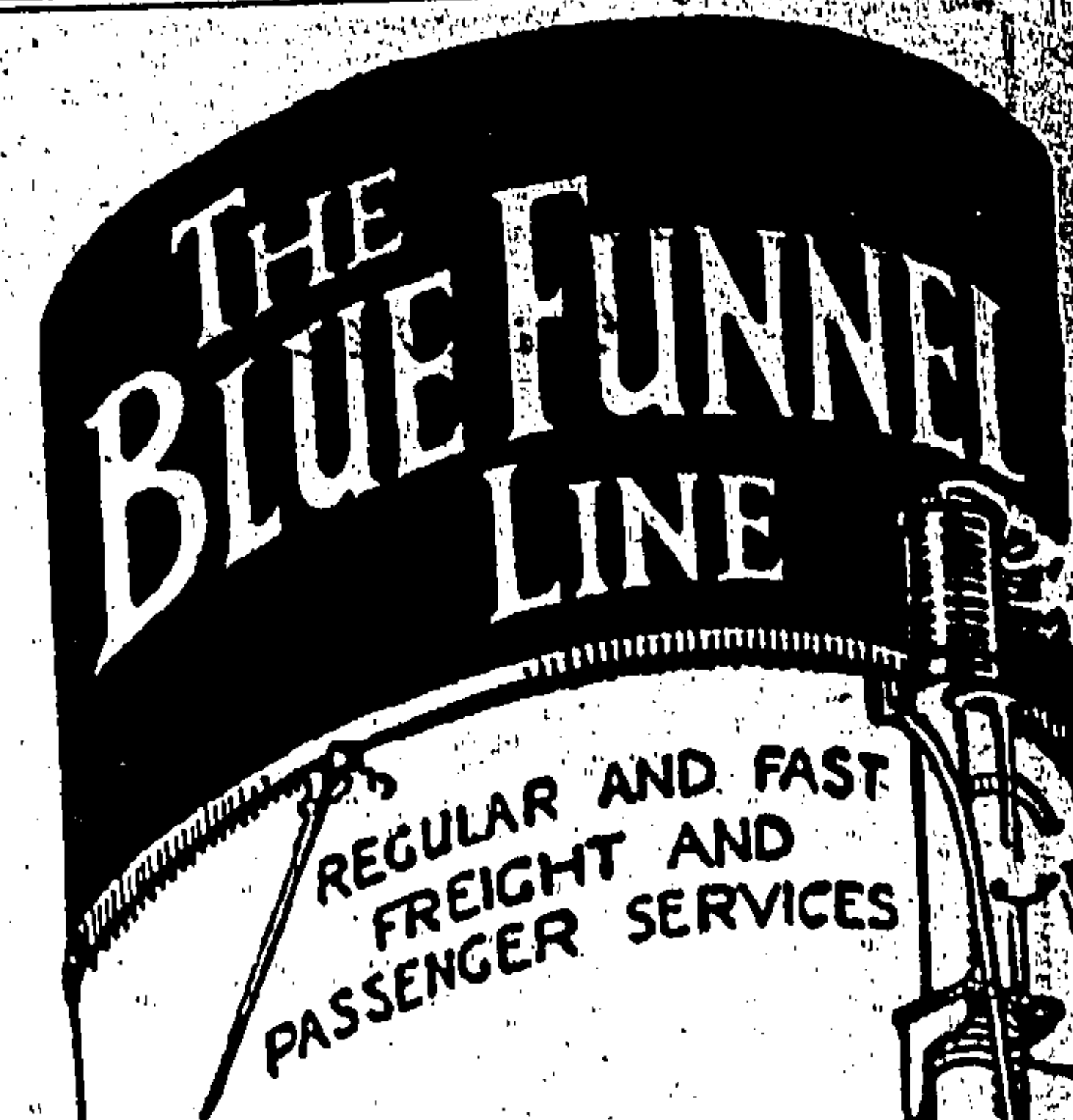
Laredo, Texas, Dec. 17. Senor Calles arrived in a special train en route to Mexico City. A detachment of United States Marines boarded the train, which was not stopped.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[A New York message of December 14 stated: Among the passengers landing from the Bremen is Senor Calles, the ex-President of Mexico, who has been informed that a warrant had been issued in Laredo, Texas, charging him with conspiring in the murder of two Mexican army officers whose bodies were found handcuffed together at Rio Grande near Laredo, in 1922. Sr. Calles, however, carries a diplomatic passport which precludes the possibility of his arrest on American soil. The American Consul at Laredo has informed the local authorities that Sr. Calles' passage to Mexico will be protected, if necessary, "with armed force."]

THE INFLUENZA GERM.

CLAIM TO DISCOVERY MADE IN AMERICA.

Chicago, Dec. 17. Commenting on the widespread interest aroused in the United States and Great Britain by the claim of Professor Isadore Falk, of Chicago University, to have discovered the influenza germ, the American Medical Association *Journal* denounces the claim as "unwarranted" and says "there is little or no evidence in scientific or medical literature to indicate that Falk has progressed any further towards solution of this problem than workers in any other part of the world have done, now or in the past." Shown a copy of the *Journal*, Falk remarked, "The full evidence of my discovery will shortly be published."—*Reuter's American Service.*



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JAPAN'S WISHES.

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Washington, Dec. 17.
Mr. Wakatsuki in a statement says Japan feels entitled to a minimum naval strength, which will be "insufficient for attack and only adequate for defence in home waters." Japan wants seventy per cent. of the naval strength of Great Britain or the United States in auxiliary craft as a whole, without reference to any category.

It is understood this means Japan at the naval conference will seek to divide the seventy per cent. strength as she chooses, within certain limits, conforming to her defensive needs. For example it might mean that although allowed seventy per cent. of the cruiser tonnage of the Great Powers, Japan might ask the conference to approve a plan whereby she can reach only sixty per cent. of the strength of Great Britain or the United States in the cruiser category, and allocate the remaining tonnage to submarines.

The interviewers of Mr. Wakatsuki gathered that Japan will be willing to make considerable concessions in other categories, in order to keep what she considers her minimum defensive armaments in submarines and ten thousand ton cruisers. He also intimated that eighty thousand tons of submarines, or approximately Japan's present undersea strength, will be offered as the minimum at London. — *Reuter's American Service.*

Conference with Naval Experts.

Washington, Dec. 12.
Col. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of State and head of the American delegation to the London naval limitation conference, is to meet daily with naval experts in company with other members of his delegation in an effort to harmonize their viewpoints, it was announced today.

Meanwhile the intentions of the French delegation remain a mystery while all other delegations have expressed themselves at least to a limited extent.

DRUG SMUGGLING.

WIDESPREAD ARRESTS IN SWITZERLAND.

Geneva, Dec. 17.

Six women and two men have been detained by the police at Zurich in connexion with the drug traffic affair at Cairo.

Those arrested included one of the ringleaders of the organisation, which is said to have bought cocaine for eight hundred to 1,200 francs a kilogramme and sold it at ten to twenty francs a gramme.

The proprietor of a chemical laboratory at Zurich and one of his assistants, who were arrested, were in relations with a chemist arrested at Basel, and apparently traded chiefly in Italy and the East.

Two alleged traffickers have been arrested at Trieste by request of the Swiss authorities, who declare the affair is only the beginning, as the organisation extends to many countries. — *Reuter.*

CHIANG AND YEN.

SHANSI LEADER'S PLEDGE OF LOYALTY.

Nanking, Dec. 13.

A number of telegrams bearing upon the present political situation have recently been exchanged between Gen. Yen Hsi-shan and Commander-in-Chief Chiang Kai-shek. They are translated in full as follows:

"My telegram of the 7th must have reached you by this time. I have just received a telegram from Hsueh-lao (General Ho Chen chun) informing me that, owing to urgent matters awaiting his attention in the Capital, he has decided to postpone his trip to Shansi and is now returning to Nanking. Reports have reached me to the effect that the majority of the Units in western Honan are now advancing southwards. It is regrettable that even with your patriotism, you are not fully understood by the various commanders. Since you already have made plans for the campaign against the rebels, I can only take orders. Please, therefore, give me detailed instructions so that I may act accordingly. Yen Hsi-shan, (December 8)."

General Chiang's Reply.

"I am in receipt of your telegrams of the 7th and 8th, the contents of which I have duly noted. Of the various units in western Honan, only the 51st and 53rd Divisions formerly under Tang Seng-chi have rebelled, the others being still loyal to the Government. You, therefore, need not feel any anxiety. Moreover, I am quite confident of my ability to suppress the rebels.

"With official morality and the laws set at naught at the present juncture, the country is daily degenerating and heading towards extinction. I am, however, determined to struggle strenuously to the last for the preservation of the Party and the Government and will never for a moment turn back. I earnestly hope you will unite with me to save the nation from imminent destruction. I am awaiting anxiously your early reply. You must have by now already seen Tse-lung (President Chao Tai-wen); Chiang Kai-shek (December 9)."

Ready to Act.

"I have duly received and noted your telegram of the 9th. President Chao (Tai-wen) arrived here on the evening of the 8th and I have heard what he had to tell me on your behalf. I appreciate your determination to save the country, and incapable as I am, I do not hesitate to pledge to you my services. I learn from your telegram that you are fully confident of your ability to crush the rebels, and I hereby once more declare my readiness to join you in the struggle. Yen Hsi-shan (December 10)."

"I have your telegram of the 10th and appreciate deeply your thoughts for the welfare of the country. Whatever views I have, I have already asked Tse-lung (Chao Tai-wen) to communicate to you personally and you must have already taken note of them. The only course open to us now is to struggle together and it is my belief that the rebels can be exterminated within a short time. According to a Canton report yesterday, the Government forces

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LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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have completely routed the combined rebellious forces under the rebel Chang (Fa-kuei) and the Kwangsi rebels; Chiang Kai-shek (December 12)."

Tang Seng-chi's Movements.

Peking, Dec. 17.

It is reliably reported here that Tang Seng-chi has hurriedly evacuated Chengchow in the direction of Hsueh-chang, on the Peking-Hankow railway, on account of the movement of Shansi troops from Shieh-chung to Changchun and other places along the north bank of the Yellow River. — *Reuter.*

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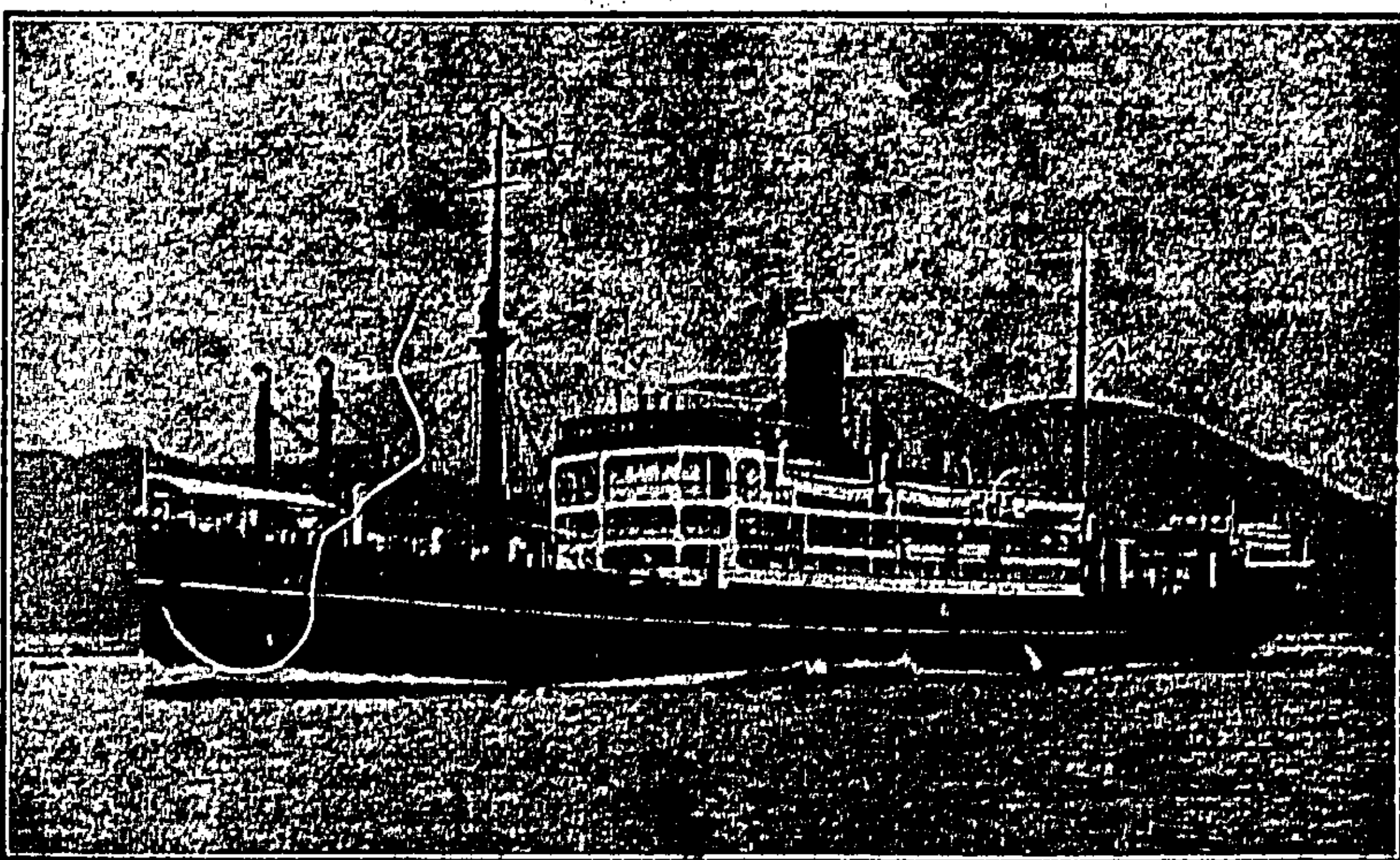
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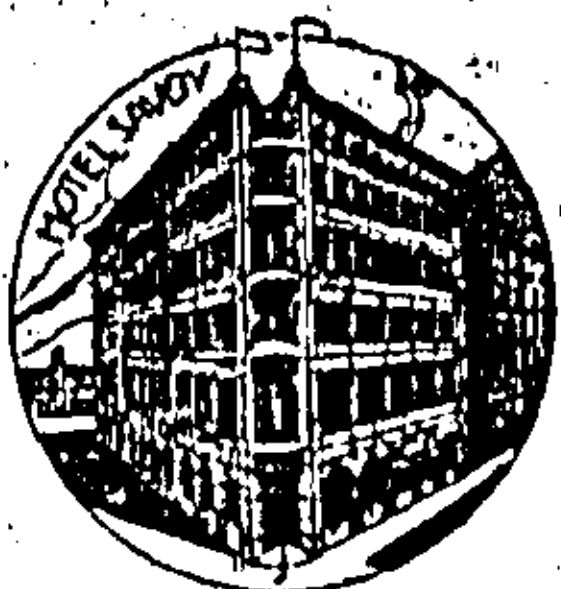
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AUSTRALIAN COAL RIOTING.

HEATED DEBATE IN N.S.W. ASSEMBLY.

PREMIER SCATHING.

Sydney, Dec. 17. "Do you call that peaceful picketing?" indignantly asked the Prime Minister, Mr. Weaver, in the Assembly to-day, during the debate on the disturbances in the Rothbury coal area.

Mr. Weaver asserted that though the vast attack occurred during the morning, the demonstrators refused to allow doctors to enter the grounds to attend a wounded policeman until four o'clock in the afternoon.

The debate, which was most heated throughout, terminated in the rejection by 44 votes to 41, the Labour motion of censure on the Government.

Many thousands of miners attended the funeral of Matt Brown who was killed yesterday. An Anglican Bishop officiated, said that Brown was a man of whom any nation might be proud.

The demonstration at Hyde Park passed off quietly, though the police dispersed with batons a party attempting to approach Parliament House.

Volunteers began preliminary work at Rothbury mine this morning quietly.

The compulsory conference has recommended that the mines be reopened at the old wage rates, the Federal Government to subsidise the production of coal in the Newcastle area pending the award by the arbitration court, which will begin hearing the dispute not later than January 22, the price of coal to be temporarily reduced four shillings a ton, the owners and Federal and State Government sharing the cost. The Federal Government has agreed to these recommendations.

A Melbourne message says Mr. Scullin has criticised Mr. Bavin's refusal to attend the compulsory conference. He said the New South Wales Government's attempt to reopen the Rothbury mine had contributed to Monday's rioting.—*Reuter*.

COAL MINES BILL DEBATE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Liberals, who are only committed to opposing the marketing proposals "in their present form," anticipate Governmental concessions which will facilitate the averting of a crisis.—*Reuter and British Wireless*.

Liberals and Prices.

Later.

Sir Herbert Samuel's questions to the Government dealt with the main Liberal objection to the Bill, namely, the risk of increasing the price of coal to the consumer.

Sir Herbert asked whether the Government was prepared to secure that there should be a real effective control of the price in the public interest.

Mr. Ben Turner, the Minister of Mines, answered other questions, but did not reply to this.

Pressed by Sir Herbert Samuel, Mr. Ben Turner replied that the matter would be borne in mind. Possibly, certain observations on the matter would be made on Thursday.—*Reuter*.

R100 MAKES SECOND CRUISE.

IN THE AIR FOR FIVE HOURS.

London, Dec. 17.

The airship R100, which left her mooring mast at Cardington at 10 o'clock this morning for her second cruise, returned to the mast just before three o'clock. Though she set her course towards London, there was no intention of visiting the Metropolis.

Owing to mist and bad visibility, the airship escaped observation at most places which she passed over. She kept the Air Ministry informed of her movements by wireless.—*British Wireless*.

STEEL MERGER.

NEW COMBINES IN THE UNITED STATES.

New York, Dec. 17.

A \$350,000,000 merger of four steel companies has been arranged between the Republic Iron and Steel Company, the Central Alloy Steel Company, the Donner Steel Company, and the Bourne, Fuller Company. With a steel ingot capacity of 490,000 tons, this will be the third largest company in the United States.—*Reuter's American Service*.

KWANGSI TROOPS ON THE RUN.

TWO GENERALS KILLED IN ACTION.

HEAVY LOSSES INFLICTED BY CANTONESE.

CANTON NOW NORMAL.

Reports received in the Colony to-day from Wuchow indicate that the Kwangsi forces, now retreating under pressure by the Cantonese, are blocking the West River between North Bank and Chicken Basket Island.

It is also reported that two Kwangsi Generals have been killed in action. These are General Leung Chei-kei, who was in command of the 1st Division of the 1st Advance Army, and General Hui Cheung-mo, the commanding officer of the 2nd Division of the Advance Army.

Invaders Fall Back.

Canton, Dec. 17.

Having practically annihilated the Ironside rebels under General Chang Fat-kwei in the North River District, General Chan Chai-tong, Commander-in-Chief of the Cantonese forces, is now turning his attention once more to the Kwangsi rebels on the West River. These also have fallen back considerably during the last two days and are now reported to be in the neighbourhood of Shui Hing.

On Friday and Saturday, when the Ironsides made their last determined effort to get through to Canton, the Kwangsi troops launched an attack at the same time on the West River, and it is learned that they were at one time only just outside Samshui. Here the events were similar to what took place on the North River, when success seemed almost within their grasp; the Cantonese launched a heavy counter-attack and drove the rebels back with heavy losses.

Gen. Chan at the Front.

General Chan Chai-tong, who returned to Canton on Saturday from directing operations in the North River District, left Canton again yesterday for the West River. He proceeded by train to Samshui, accompanied by General Chiang Kwang-nai, and there intends to pursue the rebel Kwangsi troops until they are completely clear of Kwangtung.

The passenger train service which had been very much disrupted, though not entirely interrupted, during the past week, has now been re-established.

Canton Quiet.

In Canton everything is quiet and confidence has been completely re-established. We are assured that public hire cars and motor buses will be restored to the streets within two days, but up to the time of writing there are no signs of the reappearance of motor traffic.

A certain amount of firing was heard here during the night, but it has not been possible to ascertain the cause. It is presumed that the military must have been rounding up some bandits in the neighbourhood.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

Night Retreat.

Chinese reports state that nine gunboats from Canton have arrived at Shuihing, whilst at important positions on the West River Kwangsi invaders are retreating at night in order to avoid being spotted and bombed by Canton planes.

On Tuesday, the Canton Division stationed at Tai Tong, under General Heung Hon-ping, departed for Sze Wui, which it is expected will be occupied in due course without much difficulty. Admiral Chan Chak is aboard the cruiser Chung Shan at Shuihing.

In Northern Kwangtung, the movements of the Ironsides remain a mystery. It is not expected that they will make any further counter-attacks after their defeat at Fahyun. It appears that the whole contingent of Ironsides are marching further and further away from Canton towards Northern Kwangtung, making for the Kwangsi border.

The 50th Division under General Tan Tiao-yun of Canton has recaptured Yuntan on the North River.

FINER WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone over North China has weakened slightly. The depression has deepened and passed into the Pacific. Fresh monsoon will prevail along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is: N.E. winds, fresh; overcast at first, finer later.

EUROPEAN NAVAL FORCES.

COMPARISONS REQUESTED IN COMMONS.

ADMIRALTY ESTIMATE.

London, Dec. 17.

Mr. W. H. Ayles, the Labour Member for North Bristol, asked in the House of Commons to-day, to what extent Britain, France and Italy had increased their naval power since 1921 as regards ships, tonnage, naval bases and naval air forces.

Mr. T. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty, replied that all three had decreased their fleets since 1921, both as regards ships and tonnage. As regards naval bases, Britain had closed down eight bases in the British Isles, while the development of Singapore had begun.

As far as was known, France and Italy had remained practically stationary. He believed France closed down the base at Port de France in Martinique, while Italy had established two small bases.

The naval air forces of the three countries had substantially increased, but comparable figures were not obtainable.

Mr. Philip Snowden, questioned regarding the Singapore Base, said that the cost was estimated at approximately £11,600,000, of which £9,000,000 would fall on Navy Votes, £2,000,000 on Army funds, and £500,000 on Air Force funds.

Contributions promised by the Dominions and Colonial Governments amounted to £3,250,000, and the amount payable by the British Exchequer was therefore, approximately £8,350,000, subject to possible revision after the naval conference.—*Reuter*.

BOGUS CONSTABLE SENTENCED.

MAN WHO PRODUCED FAKE WARRANT.

On conviction on a charge of assuming the designation of a policeman, a Chinese who appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, was fined \$25 with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour.

The defendant, who was alleged to have gone to 544, Shanghai Street and there produced a batch of papers to the tenants. He intimated that he was a policeman from headquarters and was armed with a warrant to raid the premises, which he said was an illegal house. After some argument, he left and returned shortly afterwards when he asked one of the women inmates if she had any money.

Sub-Inspector James intimated, in reply to his Worship, that the defendant had presumably thought the premises were an opium den, where he probably expected to obtain some money.

SUSPECTED MURDER AT CHEUNG CHAU.

THREE MEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

Details are scanty with regard to what appears to be a murder case enacted on the Island of Cheung Chau last night.

The dead body of a sampan girl, identified as Kwok Shing-mul, was found at Cheung Chau Harbour, in what circumstances it is not stated, bearing marks which indicated foul play.

As a consequence, the police of the local Station pursued enquiries which led to the arrest, late last night, of three men, who are being held on a charge of being connected with a possible murder.

Certain articles of jewellery are missing from the body, giving rise to the gravest suspicions.

WEST RIVER TRAFFIC.

STEAMERS FREE TO GO UP TO SHUIHING.

After being closed to traffic for some weeks owing to political disturbance, the West River has been reopened as far as Shuihing, according to a notice issued by the Harbour Master, the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, this morning.

The full text of the notice is as follows:

"Information has been received that the West River is open to traffic as far as Shuihing."

At least one vessel will leave for Shuihing this evening, this being the King So (Capt. McInnes), which has already cleared for that port. Others may follow suit to-morrow.

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